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CROW/APSAALOOKE TRIBAL SECURED TRANSACTIONS ACT

PART 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 15-9-101. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the “Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.”

SECTION 15-9-102. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. The sovereign immunity of neither this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe nor of any of its agencies or instrumentalities is waived with respect to any provision of any transaction subject to this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, absent a recorded, properly ratified, express waiver of sovereign immunity.

SECTION 15-9-103. PURPOSE. This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act must be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes and policies, which are the promotion of economic development and the continued expansion of commercial practices involving this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe.

SECTION 15-9-104. NO APPLICATION TO PROPERTY NOT ALIENABLE. This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not apply to any property interest that is subject to federal restrictions regarding sale, transfer, or encumbrance.

SECTION 15-9-105. SECURITY INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS-CEREMONIAL-HISTORICAL ITEMS PROHIBITED. No security interest may be acquired in any Crow/Apsaalooke or any other Indian Tribe's religious or ceremonial-historical items.

SECTION 15-9-106. GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

(a) **Definitions.** In this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act:

(1) "Accession" means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that the identity of the original goods is not lost.

(2) "Account", except as used in "account for":

(A) means a right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned by performance:

- (i) for property that has been or is to be sold, leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of;
- (ii) for services rendered or to be rendered;
- (iii) for a policy of insurance issued or to be issued;
- (iv) for a secondary obligation incurred or to be incurred;
- (v) for energy provided or to be provided;
- (vi) for the use or hire of a vessel under a charter or other contract;
- (vii) arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card; or
- (viii) as winnings in a lottery or other game of chance operated or sponsored by a tribe, governmental unit of a tribe, a person licensed or authorized by a tribe or governmental unit of a tribe to operate the game, a

State, governmental unit of a State, or person licensed or authorized to operate the game by a State or governmental unit of a State.

(B) includes health-care-insurance receivables; and

(C) does not include:

(i) rights to payment evidenced by chattel paper or an instrument;

(ii) commercial tort claims;

(iii) deposit accounts;

(iv) securities or investment accounts, including assets held in investment accounts;

(v) letter-of-credit rights or letters of credit; or

(vi) rights to payment for money or funds advanced or sold, other than rights arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.

(3) "Account debtor" means a person obligated on an account, chattel paper, or general intangible. The term does not include a person obligated to pay a negotiable instrument, even if the instrument constitutes part of chattel paper.

(4) [Reserved.]

(5) "Agreement", as distinguished from "contract", means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their language or inferred from other circumstances, including course of performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade as provided in the section on those terms (Section 15-9-114).

(6) "As-extracted collateral" means:

(A) oil, gas, or other minerals that are subject to a security interest that:

(i) is created by a debtor having an interest in the minerals before extraction; and

(ii) attaches to the minerals as extracted; or

(B) accounts arising out of the sale at the wellhead or minehead of oil, gas, or other minerals in which the debtor had an interest before extraction.

(7) “Buyer in ordinary course of business” means a person that buys goods in good faith, without knowledge that the sale violates the rights of another person in the goods, and in the ordinary course from a person, other than a pawnbroker, in the business of selling goods of that kind. A person buys goods in the ordinary course if the sale to the person comports with the usual or customary practices in the kind of business in which the seller is engaged or with the seller’s own usual or customary practices. A person that sells oil, gas, or other minerals at the wellhead or minehead is a person in the business of selling goods of that kind. A buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for cash, by exchange of other property, or on secured or unsecured credit, and may acquire goods or documents of title under a preexisting contract for sale. Only a buyer that takes possession of the goods or has a right to recover the goods from the seller under other applicable law may be a buyer in ordinary course of business. “Buyer in ordinary course of business” does not include a person that acquires goods in a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.

(8) [Reserved.]

(9) “Cash proceeds” means money, checks, deposit accounts, or the like.

(10) "Certificated security" means a security that is represented by a certificate.

(11) "Certificate of title" means a certificate of title with respect to which a statute provides for the security interest in question to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral.

(12) "Chattel paper" means a record or records that evidence both a monetary obligation and a security interest in specific goods, a security interest in specific goods and software used in the goods, a security interest in specific goods and license of software used in the goods, a lease of specific goods, or a lease of specific goods and license of software used in the goods. A "monetary obligation" means an obligation secured by the goods or owed under a lease of the goods and includes such an obligation with respect to software used in the goods. The term does not include

(A) charters or contracts involving the use or hire of a vessel or

(B) records that evidences a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card, or information contained on or for use with the card. If a transaction is evidenced by records that include an instrument or series of instruments, the group of records taken together constitutes chattel paper.

(13) "Collateral" means the property subject to a security interest. The term includes:

(A) proceeds to which a security interest attaches;

(B) accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, and promissory notes that have been sold; and

(C) goods that are the subject of a consignment.

(14) "Commercial tort claim" means a claim arising in tort with respect to which:

(A) the claimant is an organization; or

(B) the claimant is an individual and the claim:

(i) arose in the course of the claimant's business or profession; and

(ii) does not include damages arising out of personal injury to or the death of an individual.

(15) [Reserved.]

(16) "Consignee" means a merchant to which goods are delivered in a consignment.

(17) "Consignment" means a transaction, regardless of its form, in which a person delivers goods to a merchant for the purpose of sale and:

(A) the merchant:

(i) deals in goods of that kind under a name other than the name of the person making delivery;

(ii) is not an auctioneer; and

(iii) is not generally known by its creditors to be substantially engaged in selling the goods of others;

(B) with respect to each delivery, the aggregate value of the goods is \$3,000 or more at the time of delivery;

(C) the goods are not consumer goods immediately before delivery; and

(D) the transaction does not create a security interest that secures an

obligation.

(18) "Consignor" means a person that delivers goods to a consignee in a consignment.

(19) "Consumer" means an individual who enters into a transaction primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

(19A) "Consumer goods" means goods that are used or bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

(20) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in which

(A) an individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; and

(B) a security interest secures the obligation.

(21) "Continuation statement" means an amendment of a financing statement which:

(A) identifies, by its file number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and

(B) indicates that it is a continuation statement for, or that it is filed to continue the effectiveness of, the identified financing statement.

(22) "Contract", as distinguished from "agreement", means the total legal obligation that results from the parties' agreement as determined by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act as supplemented by any other applicable laws.

(22A) "Control," with respect to a certificated security in registered form, means

that the certificate is delivered to the purchaser and

(A) indorsed to the secured party or in blank by an effective indorsement;

or

(B) registered in the name of the secured party, upon original issue or registration of transfer by the issuer.

(22B) "Control," with respect to an investment account, means that

(A) the secured party has become the holder of the investment account;

(B) the investment intermediary has agreed that it will comply with orders relating to the investment account originated by the secured party without further consent by the holder of the investment account;

(C) another person has control of the investment account on behalf of the secured party or, having previously acquired control of the investment account, acknowledges that it has control on behalf of the secured party; or

(D) a security interest has been granted by the holder of the investment account to the holder's own investment intermediary.

(22C) "Control," with respect to mutual fund shares that are not in an investment account, means that

(A) the mutual fund shares have been delivered to the secured party under applicable law; or

(B) the issuer of the mutual fund shares has agreed that it will comply with instructions originated by the secured party without further consent by the debtor.

(23) "Debtor" means:

(A) a person having an interest, other than a security interest or other lien, in the collateral, whether or not the person is an obligor on the debt secured; or

(B) a seller of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes; or

(C) a consignee.

(24) "Document" means a record

(A) that in the regular course of business or financing is treated as adequately evidencing that the person in possession or control of the record is entitled to receive, control, hold, and dispose of the record and the goods the record covers and

(B) that purports to be issued by or addressed to a bailee and to cover goods in the bailee's possession which are either identified or are fungible portions of an identified mass. The term includes a bill of lading, transport document, dock warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt, and order for delivery of goods.

(25) "Equipment" means goods other than inventory, farm products, or consumer goods.

(26) "Farm products" means goods, other than standing timber, with respect to which the debtor is engaged in a farming operation and which are:

(A) crops grown, growing, or to be grown, including:

(i) crops produced on trees, vines, and bushes; and

(ii) aquatic goods produced in aquacultural operations;

(B) livestock, born or unborn, including wild game or aquatic goods produced in aquacultural operations;

(C) supplies used or produced in a farming operation; or

(D) products of crops or livestock in their unmanufactured states.

(27) "Farming operation" means raising, cultivating, propagating, fattening, grazing, or any other farming, livestock, wild game or aquacultural operation.

(28) "Financing statement" means a record or records composed of an initial financing statement and any filed record relating to the initial financing statement.

(29) "Fixture filing" means the filing of a financing statement covering goods that are, or are to become, fixtures and satisfying the requirements of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act relating to contents of financing statements. The term includes the filing of a financing statement covering goods of a transmitting utility which are or are to become fixtures.

(30) "Fixtures" means goods that have become so related to particular real property that an interest in them arises under real property law.

(31) "General intangible" means any personal property, including things in action, other than accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposits accounts, documents, goods, instruments, securities, investment accounts, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, and oil, gas, or other minerals before extraction. The term includes payment intangibles and software.

(32) "Goods" means all things that are movable when a security interest attaches.

(A) the term includes:

- (i) fixtures;
- (ii) standing timber that is to be cut and removed under a conveyance or contract for sale;
- (iii) the unborn young of animals;
- (iv) crops grown, growing, or to be grown, even if the crops are produced on trees, vines, or bushes;
- (v) manufactured homes; and
- (vi) a computer program embedded in goods and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program if:

- (I) the program is associated with the goods in such a manner that it customarily is considered part of the goods; or

- (II) by becoming the owner of the goods, a person acquires a right to use the program in connection with the goods; and

(B) The term does not include

- (i) a computer program embedded in goods that consist solely of the medium in which the program is embedded; or

- (ii) accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, instruments, securities, investment accounts, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, or oil, gas, or other minerals before extraction.

(33) "Health-care-insurance receivable" means an interest in or claim under a

policy of insurance which is a right to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or services provided or to be provided.

(34) "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument or any other writing that evidences a right to the payment of a monetary obligation, is not itself a security agreement or lease, and is of a type that in ordinary course of business is transferred by delivery with any necessary indorsement or assignment. The term does not include:

(A) a security or an investment account;

(B) a letter of credit; or

(C) a writing that evidences a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.

(35) "Inventory" means goods, other than farm products, which:

(A) are leased by a person as lessor;

(B) are held by a person for sale or lease or to be furnished under a contract of service;

(C) are furnished by a person under a contract of service; or

(D) consist of raw materials, work in process, or materials used or consumed in a business.

(36) "Investment account" means a financial account maintained by an investment intermediary to which securities or commodity contracts are or may be credited by agreement.

(36A) "Investment intermediary" means a securities intermediary under applicable law or a commodity intermediary under applicable law.

(37) "Lien creditor" means:

(A) a creditor that has acquired a lien on the property involved by attachment, levy, or the like;

(B) an assignee for benefit of creditors from the time of assignment;

(C) a trustee in bankruptcy from the date of the filing of the petition; or

(D) a receiver in equity from the time of appointment.

(38) "Manufactured home" means any structure meeting the definitional requirements found under 42 U.S.C § 5402(6)(2004), as the same may be amended from time to time.

(39) "Manufactured-home transaction" means a secured transaction:

(A) that creates a purchase-money security interest in a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as inventory; or

(B) in which a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as inventory, is the primary collateral.

(40) "Obligor" means a person that, with respect to an obligation secured by a security interest in or an agricultural lien on the collateral,

(A) owes payment or other performance of the obligation,

(B) has provided property other than the collateral to secure payment of other performance of the obligation, or

(C) is otherwise accountable in whole or in part for payment or other performance of the obligation. The term does not include issuers or nominated persons under a letter of credit.

(41) "Organization" means a person other than an individual.

(42) "Payment intangible" means a general intangible under which the account debtor's principal obligation is a monetary obligation.

(43) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, public corporation, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(44) "Proceeds" means the following property:

(A) whatever is acquired upon the sale, lease, license, exchange, or other disposition of collateral;

(B) whatever is collected on, or distributed on account of, collateral;

(C) rights arising out of collateral;

(D) to the extent of the value of collateral, claims arising out of the loss, nonconformity, or interference with the use of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the collateral; or

(E) to the extent of the value of collateral and to the extent payable to the debtor or the secured party, insurance payable by reason of the loss or nonconformity of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the collateral.

(45) "Promissory note" means an instrument that evidences a promise to pay a monetary obligation, does not evidence an order to pay, and does not contain an acknowledgment by a bank that the bank has received for deposit a sum of money or

funds.

(45A) "Public-finance transaction" means a secured transaction in connection with which

(A) debt securities are issued;

(B) all or a portion of the securities issued have an initial stated maturity of at least 20 years; and

(C) the debtor, obligor, secured party, account debtor or other person obligated on collateral, assignor or assignee of a secured obligation, or assignor or assignee of a security interest is, or is a governmental unit of, this Tribe or a State.

(46) "Purchase" means taking by sale, lease, discount, negotiation, mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, issue or reissue, gift, or any other voluntary transaction creating an interest in property.

(47) "Purchaser" means a person that takes by purchase.

(48) "Pursuant to commitment," with respect to an advance made or other value given by a secured party, means pursuant to the secured party's obligation, whether or not a subsequent event of default or other event not within the secured party's control has relieved or may relieve the secured party from its obligation.

(49) "Record," except as used in "for record", "of record", "record or legal title", and "record owner," means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or which is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

(50) "Secondary obligor" means an obligor to the extent that:

(A) the obligor's obligation is secondary; or

(B) the obligor has a right of recourse with respect to an obligation secured by collateral against the debtor, another obligor, or property of either.

(51) "Secured party" means:

(A) a person in whose favor a security interest is created or provided for under a security agreement, whether or not any obligation to be secured is outstanding;

(B) a consignor;

(C) a person to which accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes have been sold;

(D) a trustee, indenture trustee, agent, collateral agent, or other representative in whose favor a security interest is created or provided for; or

(E) a person that holds a security interest arising under other applicable law.

(52) "Security" includes mutual fund shares that are not in an investment account.

(53) "Security agreement" means an agreement that creates or provides for a security interest.

(54) "Security interest" means an interest in personal property or fixtures which secures payment or performance of an obligation. The term includes any interest of a consignor and a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, a payment intangible, or a promissory note in a transaction that is subject to this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. The retention or reservation of title by a seller of goods notwithstanding shipment or delivery to the buyer is limited in effect to a reservation of a "security interest." Whether

a transaction in the form of a lease creates a "security interest" is determined pursuant to the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act distinguishing leases from security interests (Section 15-9-109).

(55) "Send," in connection with a record or notification, means:

(A) to deposit in the mail, deliver for transmission, or transmit by any other usual means of communication, with postage or cost of transmission provided for, addressed to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or

(B) to cause the record or notification to be received within the time that it would have been received if properly sent under subparagraph (A).

(56) "Sign" means, with the present intent to authenticate any record:

(A) to execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) to attach or logically associate an electronic symbol, sound, or process to or with a record.

(57) "Software" means a computer program and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program. The term does not include a computer program that is included in the definition of goods.

(57A) "State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including any political subdivision, or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof.

(58) "Termination statement" means an amendment of a financing statement which:

(A) identifies, by its file number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and

(B) indicates either that it is a termination statement or that the identified financing statement is no longer effective.

(59) "Transmitting utility" means a person primarily engaged in the business of

(A) operating a railroad, subway, street railway, or trolley bus;

(B) transmitting communications electrically, electromagnetically, or by light;

(C) transmitting goods by pipeline or sewer; or

(D) transmitting or producing and transmitting electricity, steam, gas, or water.

(60) "Tribal business day" means a day on which the offices of the government of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe are open for conduct of their ordinary business.

(b) **Liberal construction.** Subject to the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with course of performance, course of dealing, and usage of trade (Section 15- 15-9-114), the meaning of a term not defined by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act is to be derived from the context involved, with due consideration for consistency in meaning with uniform principles of commercial and contract law operative in the United States.

SECTION 15-9-107. NOTICE; KNOWLEDGE.

(a) **Notice defined.** Subject to subsection (f), a person has "notice" of a fact if the

person:

- (1) has actual knowledge of it;
- (2) has received a notice or notification of it; or
- (3) from all the facts and circumstances known to the person at the time in

question, has reason to know that it exists.

(b) **Knowledge defined.** “Knowledge” means actual knowledge. “Knows” has a corresponding meaning.

(c) **Discover defined.** “Discover”, “learn”, or words of similar import refer to knowledge rather than to reason to know.

(d) **Notifying or giving notice or notification.** A person “notifies” or “gives” a notice or notification to another person by taking such steps as may be reasonably required to inform the other person in ordinary course, whether or not the other person actually comes to know of it.

(e) **Receipt generally.** Subject to subsection (f), a person “receives” a notice or notification when:

- (1) it comes to that person’s attention; or
- (2) it is duly delivered in a form reasonable under the circumstances at the

place of business through which the contract was made or at another location held out by that person as the place for receipt of such communications.

(f) **Receipt by organization.** Notice, knowledge, or a notice or notification received by an organization is effective for a particular transaction from the time it is brought to the attention of the individual conducting that transaction and, in any event, from the time it

would have been brought to the individual's attention if the organization had exercised due diligence. An organization exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for communicating significant information to the person conducting the transaction and there is reasonable compliance with the routines. Due diligence does not require an individual acting for the organization to communicate information unless the communication is part of the individual's regular duties or the individual has reason to know of the transaction and that the transaction would be materially affected by the information.

SECTION 15-9-108. VALUE. Except as otherwise provided under applicable laws dealing with negotiable instruments, bank deposits, letters of credit and bulk transfers and sales, a person gives value for rights if the person acquires them:

- (a) in return for a binding commitment to extend credit or for the extension of immediately available credit, whether or not drawn upon and whether or not a charge-back is provided for in the event of difficulties in collection;
- (b) as security for, or in total or partial satisfaction of, a preexisting claim;
- (c) by accepting delivery under a preexisting contract for purchase; or
- (d) in return for any consideration sufficient to support a simple contract.

SECTION 15-9-109. LEASE DISTINGUISHED FROM SECURITY INTEREST.

- (a) **Basic test.** Whether a transaction in the form of a lease creates a lease or security interest is determined by the facts of each case.
- (b) **Transactions that create security interests.** A transaction in the form of a

lease creates a security interest if the consideration that the lessee is to pay the lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is an obligation for the term of the lease and is not subject to termination by the lessee, and:

(1) the original term of the lease is equal to or greater than the remaining economic life of the goods;

(2) the lessee is bound to renew the lease for the remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become the owner of the goods;

(3) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for the remaining economic life of the goods for no additional consideration or for nominal additional consideration upon compliance with the lease agreement; or

(4) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the goods for no additional consideration or for nominal additional consideration upon compliance with the lease agreement.

(c) Factors that do not create security interests. A transaction in the form of a lease does not create a security interest merely because:

(1) the present value of the consideration the lessee is obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is substantially equal to or is greater than the fair market value of the goods at the time the lease is entered into;

(2) the lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods;

(3) the lessee agrees to pay, with respect to the goods, taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or registration fees, or service or maintenance costs;

(4) the lessee has an option to renew the lease or to become the owner of

the goods;

(5) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for a fixed rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for the term of the renewal at the time the option is to be performed; or

(6) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than the reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods at the time the option is to be performed.

SECTION 15-9-110. GENERAL SCOPE.

(a) **General scope of Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.** Except as otherwise provided in the section on excluded transactions (Section 15-9-111), this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act applies to the following, if within the jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe:

(1) any transaction, regardless of its form, that creates a security interest in personal property or fixtures by contract;

(2) a sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes;

(3) a consignment; and

(4) any other commercial activities, including sales of goods, leases of goods, other transactions in goods, negotiable instruments, bank deposits and collections, funds transfers, letters of credit, documents of title, and investment securities, to the extent those commercial activities are implicated in clauses (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection (a).

(b) **Consistency in application.** Subject to the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with course of performance, course of dealing, and usage of trade (Section 15-9-114), the application of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act to a type of transaction enumerated in subsection (a)(4) is to be derived from the context involved, with due consideration for consistency in application with uniform principles of commercial and contract law operative in the United States.

(c) **Security interest in secured obligation.** The application of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act to a security interest in a secured obligation is not affected by the fact that the obligation is itself secured by a transaction or interest to which this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not apply.

SECTION 15-9-111. EXCLUDED TRANSACTIONS.

This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not apply to:

- (a) a landlord's lien;
- (b) a lien given by statute or other rule of law for services or materials, but the Section 15-9-318(k) applies with respect to priority of the lien;
- (c) a tribal lien;
- (d) an assignment of a claim for wages, salary, or other compensation of an employee;
- (e) a sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes as part of a sale of the business out of which they arose;
- (f) an assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or

promissory notes which is for the purpose of collection only;

(g) an assignment of a right to payment under a contract to an assignee that is also obligated to perform under the contract;

(h) an assignment of a single account, payment intangible, or promissory note to an assignee in full or partial satisfaction of a preexisting indebtedness;

(i) a transfer of an interest in or an assignment of a claim under a policy of insurance, other than an assignment by or to a health-care provider of a health-care-insurance receivable and any subsequent assignment of the right to payment, but Sections 15-9-315 and 15-9-317 apply with respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds;

(j) an assignment of a right represented by a judgment, other than a judgment taken on a right to payment that was collateral;

(k) a right of recoupment or set-off, but the section on agreements not to assert defenses against assignees (Section 15-9-403) applies with respect to defenses or claims of an account debtor;

(l) the creation or transfer of an interest in or lien on real property, including a lease or rents thereunder, except to the extent that provision is made for:

(1) a fixture filing; and

(2) security agreements covering personal and real property in
Section 15-9-604;

(m) an assignment of a claim arising in tort, other than a commercial tort claim, except as provided with respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds; or

(n) an assignment of a deposit account, except as provided with respect to

proceeds and priorities in proceeds.

SECTION 15-9-112. ADMINISTRATION OF CROW/APSAALOOKE SECURED TRANSACTIONS ACT; AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS. The Secretary of the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribal Legislature, or its designated successor, is charged with the administration of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. In accordance with applicable administrative and interpretive rules and after review and approval by the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribal Legislature, the Secretary of the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribal Legislature, or its designated successor may promulgate regulations necessary for the effective implementation and enforcement of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-113. OBLIGATION OF GOOD FAITH. Every contract or duty within this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act imposes, with respect to its performance or enforcement, an obligation that each party be honest and act in a manner that is consistent with reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.

SECTION 15-9-114. COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, COURSE OF DEALING, AND USAGE OF TRADE.

(a) **Course of performance defined.** A “course of performance” is a sequence of conduct between the parties to a particular transaction that exists if:

(1) the agreement of the parties with respect to the transaction involves repeated occasions for performance by a party; and

(2) the other party, with knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity for objection to it, accepts the performance or acquiesces in it without objection.

(b) **Course of dealing defined.** A “course of dealing” is a sequence of conduct concerning previous transactions between the parties to a particular transaction that is fairly to be regarded as establishing a common basis of understanding for interpreting their expressions and other conduct.

(c) **Usage of trade defined.** A “usage of trade” is any practice or method of dealing, including a local custom or tradition of this Tribe, having such regularity of observance in a place, vocation, or trade as to justify an expectation that it will be observed with respect to the transaction in question. The existence and scope of such a usage must be proved as facts. If it is established that such a usage is embodied in a trade code or similar record, the interpretation of the record is a question of law.

(d) **Effect.** A course of performance or course of dealing between the parties or usage of trade in the vocation or trade in which they are engaged or of which they are or should be aware is relevant in ascertaining the meaning of the parties’ agreement, may give particular meaning to specific terms of the agreement, and may supplement or qualify the terms of the agreement. A usage of trade applicable in the place in which part of the performance under the agreement is to occur may be so utilized as to that part of the performance.

(e) **Practical construction; hierarchy.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), the express terms of an agreement and any applicable course of performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade must be construed whenever reasonable as consistent with each other. If such a construction is unreasonable:

(1) express terms prevail over course of performance, course of dealing, and usage of trade;

(2) course of performance prevails over course of dealing and usage of trade; and

(3) course of dealing prevails over usage of trade.

(f) Subject to other applicable law, a course of performance is relevant to show a waiver or modification of any term inconsistent with the course of performance.

(g) Evidence of a relevant usage of trade offered by one party is not admissible unless that party has given the other party notice that the court finds sufficient to prevent unfair surprise to the other party.

SECTION 15-9-115. PURCHASE-MONEY SECURITY INTEREST.

(a) **Definitions.** In this section:

(1) "Purchase-money collateral" means goods or software that secures a purchase-money obligation incurred with respect to that collateral.

(2) "Purchase-money obligation" means an obligation of an obligor incurred as all or part of the price of the collateral or for value given to enable the debtor to acquire rights in or the use of the collateral if the value is in fact so used.

(b) **Purchase-money security interest in goods.** A security interest in goods is a purchase-money security interest:

(1) to the extent that the goods are purchase-money collateral with respect to that security interest;

(2) if the security interest is in inventory that is or was purchase-money collateral, also to the extent that the security interest secures a purchase-money obligation incurred with respect to other inventory in which the secured party holds or held a purchase-money security interest; and

(3) also to the extent that the security interest secures a purchase-money obligation incurred with respect to software in which the secured party holds or held a purchase-money security interest.

(c) **Purchase-money security interest in software.** A security interest in software is a purchase-money security interest to the extent that the security interest also secures a purchase-money obligation incurred with respect to goods in which the secured party holds or held a purchase-money security interest if:

(1) the debtor acquired its interest in the software in an integrated transaction in which it acquired an interest in the goods; and

(2) the debtor acquired its interest in the software for the principal purpose of using the software in the goods.

(d) **Consignor's inventory purchase-money security interest.** The security interest of a consignor in goods that are the subject of a consignment is a purchase-money security interest in inventory.

(e) **Application of payment in non-consumer transaction.** In a transaction other than a consumer transaction, if the extent to which a security interest is a purchase-money security interest depends on the application of a payment to a particular obligation, the payment must be applied:

(1) in accordance with any reasonable method of application to which the parties agree;

(2) if paragraph (1) does not apply, in accordance with the intention of the obligor manifested at or before the time of payment; or

(3) if neither paragraph (1) nor paragraph (2) applies, in the following order:

(A) to obligations that are not secured; and

(B) if more than one obligation is secured, to obligations secured by purchase-money security interests in the order in which those obligations were incurred.

(f) No loss of purchase-money security interest in non-consumer transaction.

In a transaction other than a consumer transaction, a purchase-money security interest does not lose its status as such, even if:

(1) the purchase-money collateral also secures an obligation that is not a purchase-money obligation;

(2) collateral that is not purchase-money collateral also secures the purchase-money obligation; or

(3) the purchase-money obligation has been renewed, refinanced, consolidated, or restructured.

(g) Burden of proof in non-consumer transaction. In a transaction other than a consumer-goods transaction, a secured party claiming a purchase-money security interest has the burden of establishing the extent to which the security interest is a purchase-money security interest.

SECTION 15-9-116. SUFFICIENCY OF DESCRIPTION.

(a) **Sufficiency of description.** Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c), a description of personal or real property is sufficient, whether or not it is specific, if it reasonably identifies what is described.

(b) **Broad, generic descriptions insufficient.** In a security agreement, a description of collateral as “all the debtor’s assets” or “all the debtor’s personal property” or using words of similar import does not reasonably identify the collateral.

(c) **Description by type insufficient.** A description only by type of collateral defined in this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act is an insufficient description of:

- (1) a commercial tort claim; or
- (2) in a consumer transaction, any collateral.

SECTION 15-9-117. PARTIES’ POWER TO CHOOSE APPLICABLE LAW.

(a) **Choice of law generally.** Except as provided in subsection (b) and unless preempted by federal law, if a transaction bears a reasonable relation to this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe and also to another Indian tribe or nation, State, or country, the parties may agree that the law either of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe or of such other tribe or nation, State, or country governs their rights and duties. In the absence of an effective agreement, this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act applies to all transactions bearing an appropriate relation to this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe. The fact that the law of another Indian tribe or nation, State, or country is applicable as provided in this section does not affect the jurisdiction or venue of this

Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe, nor does it waive the sovereign immunity of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe or of any agency or instrumentality thereof.

(b) **When agreement ineffective.** An agreement otherwise effective under subsection (a) is ineffective in any of the following cases:

- (1) in a consumer transaction;
- (2) to the extent the agreement purports to vary the provisions of Subpart 1 of Part 3 of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, concerning the law governing perfection and priority; or
- (3) to the extent that application of the law of the Indian tribe or nation, State, or country designated in the agreement would be contrary to a fundamental policy of the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe.

PART 2

EFFECTIVENESS, ATTACHMENT AND RIGHTS OF PARTIES

SECTION 15-9-201. GENERAL EFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY AGREEMENT.

(a) **General effectiveness.** Except as otherwise provided in this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act or other applicable law, a security agreement is effective according to its terms between the parties, against purchasers of the collateral, and against creditors.

(b) **Applicable consumer laws and other law.** A transaction subject to this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act is subject to any applicable rule of law which establishes a different rule for consumers and

(1) any other applicable tribal, federal or State statute or regulation that regulates the rates, charges, agreements, and practices for loans, credit sales, or other extensions of credit; and

(2) any consumer-protection statute or regulation.

(c) **Other applicable law controls.** In case of conflict between this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act and a rule of law, statute, or regulation described in subsection (b), the rule of law, statute, or regulation prevails.

SECTION 15-9-202. ATTACHMENT AND ENFORCEABILITY OF SECURITY INTEREST; PROCEEDS; FORMAL REQUISITES.

(a) **Attachment.** A security interest attaches to collateral when it becomes enforceable against the debtor with respect to the collateral, unless an agreement expressly postpones the time of attachment.

(b) **Enforceability.** Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) through (g), a security interest is enforceable against the debtor and third parties with respect to the collateral only if:

(1) value has been given;

(2) the debtor has rights in the collateral or the power to transfer rights in the collateral to a secured party; and

(3) one of the following conditions is met:

(A) the debtor has signed a security agreement that provides a description of the collateral and, if the security interest covers timber to be cut, a description of the land concerned;

(B) the collateral is in the possession of the secured party pursuant to the debtor's security agreement and this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act; or

(C) the collateral is a security or an investment account and the secured party has control pursuant to the debtor's security agreement.

(c) **Other applicable law.** Subsection (b) is subject to a collecting bank's interest in items under applicable law or agreement, any recognized security interest of a letter-of-credit issuer or nominated person under applicable law or agreement, a security interest arising under recognized sales and leases law, and a security interest in a security or in an investment account arising due to the purchase or delivery of the financial asset.

(d) **Proceeds.** The attachment of a security interest in collateral gives the secured party the rights to proceeds provided by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

(e) **Lien securing right to payment.** The attachment of a security interest in a right to payment or performance secured by a security interest, mortgage or other lien on personal or real property is also attachment of a security interest in the security interest, mortgage, or other lien.

(f) **Certain items credited to investment account.** The attachment of a security interest in an investment account is also attachment of a security interest in any securities or commodity contracts credited to the investment account.

(g) **Whether other persons bound.** Law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act determines when and if another person becomes bound by a security agreement entered into by a debtor.

SECTION 15-9-203. AFTER-ACQUIRED COLLATERAL; FUTURE ADVANCES.

(a) **After-acquired collateral.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a security agreement may create or provide for a security interest in after-acquired collateral.

(b) **After-acquired property clause not effective.** A security interest does not attach under a term constituting an after-acquired property clause to:

(1) consumer goods, other than an accession when given as additional security, unless the debtor acquires rights in them within 10 days after the secured party gives value; or

(2) a commercial tort claim.

(c) **Future advances.** A security agreement may provide that collateral secures or that accounts, chattel paper, or payment intangibles are sold in connection with future advances or other value, whether or not the advances or value are given pursuant to commitment.

SECTION 15-9-204. RIGHTS AND DUTIES WHEN COLLATERAL IS IN SECURED PARTY'S POSSESSION OR CONTROL.

(a) **Duty of care when secured party in possession.** A secured party shall use reasonable care in the custody and preservation of collateral in the secured party's possession.

(b) **Right of repledge.** A secured party having possession or control of securities or control of an investment account may create a security interest in the collateral.

(c) **Buyer of certain rights to payment.** If the secured party is a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes or a consignor, subsection (a) does not apply unless the secured party is entitled under an agreement:

(1) to charge back uncollected collateral; or

(2) otherwise to full or limited recourse against the debtor or a secondary obligor based on the nonpayment or other default of an account debtor or other obligor on the collateral.

SECTION 15-9-205. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF CERTAIN SECURED PARTIES.

(a) **Applicability of section.** This section applies to cases in which there is no outstanding secured obligation and the secured party is not committed to make advances, incur obligations, or otherwise give value.

(b) **Duty of secured party in control of investment account.** Within 10 tribal business days after receiving a signed demand by the debtor, a secured party having control of an investment account shall send to the investment intermediary with which the investment account is maintained a signed statement that releases the investment intermediary from any further obligation to comply with instructions originated by the secured party.

(c) **Duty of secured party if account debtor has been notified of assignment.** Within 10 tribal business days after receiving a signed demand by the debtor, a secured party shall send to an account debtor that has received notification of an assignment to the secured

party as assignee under the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with discharge of an account debtor and notification of an assignment (Section 15-9-403), a signed record that releases the account debtor from any further obligation to the secured party. However, this subsection does not apply to an assignment constituting the sale of an account, chattel paper, or payment intangible.

SECTION 15-9-206. [RESERVED.]

SECTION 15-9-207. REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING; REQUEST REGARDING LIST OF COLLATERAL OR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

(a) A debtor may sign a record indicating what the debtor believes to be the aggregate amount of unpaid indebtedness as of specified date and send it to the secured party with a request that the statement be approved or corrected and returned to the debtor. When the security agreement or any other record kept by the secured party identifies the collateral a debtor may similarly request the secured party to approve or correct a list of the collateral.

(b) A secured party, other than a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles or promissory notes or a consignor, must comply with such a request within 10 tribal business days after receipt by sending a written correction or approval. If the secured party claims a security interest in all of a particular type of collateral owned by the debtor the secured party may indicate that fact in the reply and need not approve or correct an itemized list of such collateral. If the secured party no longer has an interest in the obligation or collateral at the time the request is received, the secured party must disclose the name and address of any known

successor in interest. A successor in interest is not subject to this section until a request is received by the successor.

(c) A debtor is entitled to such statement once every six months without charge.

The secured party may require payment of a charge not exceeding \$25 for each additional statement furnished.

PART 3

PERFECTION AND PRIORITY

SUBPART 1. LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY

SECTION 15-9-301. LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS. Except as otherwise provided with respect to goods covered by a certificate of title (Section 15-9-303), the following rules determine the law governing perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of a security interest in collateral:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the local law of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of a security interest in collateral

(A) if the security interest is created pursuant to this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act;

(B) from the time that the debtor becomes subject to the jurisdiction of the

Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe (Section 15-9-316(d) and (e)); or

(C) from the time that the collateral is transferred to a person that thereby becomes a debtor and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), while goods are located in a jurisdiction, the local law of that jurisdiction governs

(A) perfection of a security interest in the goods by filing a fixture filing;
and

(B) perfection of a security interest in timber to be cut.

(3) The local law of the jurisdiction in which the wellhead or minehead is located governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of a security interest in as-extracted collateral.

(4) This section does not determine the law governing matters not expressly referred to herein, including attachment, validity, characterization, and enforcement.

SECTION 15-9-302. [RESERVED.]

SECTION 15-9-303. LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN GOODS COVERED BY A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

(a) **Applicability of section.** This section applies to goods covered by a certificate of title, even if there is no other relationship between the jurisdiction under whose certificate of title the goods are covered and the goods or the debtor.

(b) **When goods covered by certificate of title.** Goods become covered by a

certificate of title when a valid application for the certificate of title and the applicable fee are delivered to the appropriate authority. Goods cease to be covered by a certificate of title at the earlier of the time the certificate of title ceases to be effective under the law of the issuing jurisdiction or the time the goods become covered subsequently by a certificate of title issued by another jurisdiction.

(c) **Applicable law.** The local law of the jurisdiction under whose certificate of title the goods are covered governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of a security interest in goods covered by a certificate of title from the time the goods become covered by the certificate of title until the goods cease to be covered by the certificate of title.

SECTION 15-9-304. [RESERVED.]

SECTION 15-9-305. [RESERVED.]

SECTION 15-9-306. [RESERVED.]

SECTION 15-9-307. [RESERVED.]

SUBPART 2. PERFECTION

**SECTION 15-9-308. WHEN SECURITY INTEREST IS PERFECTED;
CONTINUITY OF PERFECTION.**

(a) **Perfection of security interest.** Except as otherwise provided in this section and the next section dealing with security interests perfected upon attachment, a security interest is perfected if it has attached and all of the applicable requirements for perfection set forth in this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act have been satisfied. A security interest is perfected when it attaches if the applicable requirements are satisfied before the security interest attaches.

(b) **Continuous perfection; perfection by different methods.** A security interest is perfected continuously if it is originally perfected by one method under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act and is later perfected by another method under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, without an intermediate period when it was unperfected.

(c) **Lien securing right to payment.** Perfection of a security interest in a right to payment or performance also perfects a security interest in a security interest, mortgage, or other lien on personal or real property securing the right.

(d) **Certain items credited to investment account.** Perfection of a security interest in an investment account also perfects a security interest in any securities or commodity contracts credited to the investment account.

SECTION 15-9-309. SECURITY INTEREST PERFECTED UPON

ATTACHMENT. The following security interests are perfected when they attach:

(1) a purchase-money security interest in consumer goods, except as otherwise provided in Section 15-9-311(b) regarding goods subject to certain statutes, regulations or treaties;

(2) a security interest created by an assignment of accounts which does not by itself or in conjunction with other assignments to the same assignee transfer a significant part of the assignor's outstanding accounts;

(3) a sale of a payment intangible or a promissory note;

(4) a security interest created by an assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable to the provider of the health-care goods or services;

(5) a security interest created by an assignment of a beneficial interest in a decedent's estate; and

(6) a security interest created by an assignment by an individual of an account that is a right to payment of winnings in a lottery or other game of chance.

SECTION 15-9-310. WHEN FILING REQUIRED TO PERFECT SECURITY INTEREST; SECURITY INTERESTS TO WHICH FILING PROVISIONS DO NOT APPLY.

(a) **General rule: perfection by filing.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) and the section of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with perfection of a security interest in money, a financing statement must be filed to perfect all security interests.

(b) **Exceptions: filing not necessary.** The filing of a financing statement is not necessary to perfect a security interest:

(1) that is perfected under Section 15-9-308(c), dealing with liens securing rights to payment;

- (2) that is perfected when it attaches under Section 15-9-309;
- (3) in property subject to a statute, regulation, or treaty described in Section 15-9-311(a);
- (4) in goods in possession of a bailee which is perfected under Section 15-9-312(d)(1) or (2);
- (5) in certificated securities, negotiable documents, goods, or instruments which is perfected without filing or possession under Section 15-9-312(e), (f) or (g);
- (6) in collateral in the secured party's possession under Section 15-9-313;
- (7) in a security or an investment account perfected by control under Section 15-9-314;
- (8) in proceeds which is perfected under Section 15-9-315; or
- (9) that is perfected under Section 15-9-316 relating to continued perfection of security interests perfected under the law of another jurisdiction.

(c) **Assignment of perfected security interest.** If a secured party assigns a perfected security interest, a filing under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act is not required to continue the perfected status of the security interest against creditors of and transferees from the original debtor.

**SECTION 15-9-311. PERFECTION OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PROPERTY
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND TREATIES.**

- (a) **Security interest subject to other law.** Except as otherwise provided in

subsection (d), the filing of a financing statement is not necessary or effective to perfect a security interest in property subject to:

(1) any law of the United States whose requirements for a security interest obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property preempt the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act requiring that security interests be perfected by filing;

(2) any Tribal certificate-of-title statute (if and when adopted by the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe) covering automobiles, trailers, mobile homes, boats, farm tractors, or the like, which provides for a security interest to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of perfection, and any Tribal central filing statute other than the one provided by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act; or

(3) a certificate-of-title statute of another jurisdiction which provides for a security interest to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property.

(b) **Compliance with other law.** Compliance with the requirements of a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) for obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor is equivalent to the filing of a financing statement under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act providing for perfection by possession when goods covered by a certificate of title issued by one jurisdiction become covered by a certificate of title issued by another jurisdiction, a security interest in property subject to a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) may be perfected only by compliance with those requirements,

and a security interest so perfected remains perfected notwithstanding a change in the use or transfer of possession of the collateral.

(c) **Duration and renewal of perfection.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act providing for continued perfection when goods covered by a certificate of title issued by one jurisdiction become covered by a certificate of title issued by another jurisdiction, duration and renewal of perfection of a security interest perfected by compliance with the requirements prescribed by a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) are governed by the statute, regulation, or treaty. In other respects, the security interest is subject to this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

(d) **Inapplicability to certain inventory.** During any period in which collateral subject to a statute specified in subsection (a)(2) is inventory held for sale or lease by a person or leased by that person as lessor and that person is in the business of selling goods of that kind, this section does not apply to a security interest in that collateral created by that person.

SECTION 15-9-312. PERFECTION OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN CHATTEL PAPER, DOCUMENTS, GOODS COVERED BY DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND MONEY; PERFECTION BY PERMISSIVE FILING; TEMPORARY PERFECTION WITHOUT FILING OR TRANSFER OF POSSESSION.

(a) **Perfection by filing permitted.** A security interest in chattel paper, negotiable documents, instruments, securities, or investment accounts may be perfected by filing.

(b) **Possession of money.** Except as otherwise provided in the provisions of this

Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with perfection with respect to proceeds, a security interest in money may be perfected only by the secured party taking possession under the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with perfection by possession.

(c) **Goods covered by negotiable document.** While goods are in the possession of a bailee that has issued a negotiable document covering the goods:

(1) a security interest in the goods may be perfected by perfecting a security interest in the document; and

(2) a security interest perfected in the document has priority over any security interest in the goods that becomes perfected by another method during that time.

(d) **Goods covered by nonnegotiable document.** While goods are in the possession of a bailee that has issued a nonnegotiable document covering the goods, a security interest in the goods may be perfected by:

(1) issuance of a document in the name of the secured party;

(2) the bailee's receipt of notification of the secured party's interest; or

(3) filing as to the goods.

(e) **Temporary perfection: new value.** A security interest in certificated securities, negotiable documents, or instruments is perfected without filing or the taking of possession for a period of 20 days from the time it attaches to the extent that it arises for new value given under a signed security agreement.

(f) **Temporary perfection: goods or documents made available to debtor.** A perfected security interest in a negotiable document or goods in possession of a bailee, other than

one that has issued a negotiable document for the goods, remains perfected for 20 days without filing if the secured party makes available to the debtor the goods or documents representing the goods for the purpose of:

(1) ultimate sale or exchange; or

(2) loading, unloading, storing, shipping, transshipping, manufacturing, processing, or otherwise dealing with them in a manner preliminary to their sale or exchange.

(g) Temporary perfection: delivery of security certificate or instrument to debtor. A perfected security interest in a certificated security or instrument remains perfected for 20 days without filing if the secured party delivers the security certificate or instrument to the debtor for the purpose of:

(1) ultimate sale or exchange; or

(2) presentation, collection, enforcement, renewal, or registration of transfer.

(h) Expiration of temporary perfection. After the 20-day period specified in subsection (e), (f), or (g) expires, perfection depends upon compliance with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-313. WHEN POSSESSION BY SECURED PARTY PERFECTS SECURITY INTEREST WITHOUT FILING.

(a) Perfection by possession. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a secured party may perfect a security interest in certificated securities, negotiable documents, goods, instruments, money, or chattel paper by taking possession of the collateral.

(b) **Goods covered by certificate of title.** With respect to goods covered by a certificate of title issued by this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe or a State, a secured party may perfect a security interest in the goods by taking possession of the goods only in the circumstances described in Section 15-9-316(c), relating to continued perfection of goods covered by a certificate of title.

(c) **Collateral in possession of person other than debtor.** With respect to collateral other than certificated securities and goods covered by a document, a secured party takes possession of collateral in the possession of a person other than the debtor, the secured party, or a lessee of the collateral from the debtor in the ordinary course of the debtor's business, when:

(1) the person in possession signs a record acknowledging that it holds possession of the collateral for the secured party's benefit; or

(2) the person takes possession of the collateral after having signed a record acknowledging that it will hold possession of collateral for the secured party's benefit.

(d) **Time of perfection by possession; continuation of perfection.** If perfection of a security interest depends upon possession of the collateral by a secured party, perfection occurs no earlier than the time the secured party takes possession and continues only while the secured party retains possession.

(e) **Acknowledgment not required.** A person in possession of collateral is not required to acknowledge that it holds possession for a secured party's benefit.

(f) **Effectiveness of acknowledgment; no duties or confirmation.** If a person acknowledges that it holds possession for the secured party's benefit:

(1) the acknowledgment is effective under subsection (c), even if the acknowledgment violates the rights of a debtor; and

(2) unless the person otherwise agrees or law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act otherwise provides, the person does not owe any duty to the secured party and is not required to confirm the acknowledgment to another person.

SECTION 15-9-314. PERFECTION BY CONTROL.

A security interest in a security or an investment account may be perfected by control.

SECTION 15-9-315. SECURED PARTY'S RIGHTS ON DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL AND IN PROCEEDS.

(a) Disposition of collateral: continuation of security interest; proceeds.

Except as otherwise provided in this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act and in any applicable law dealing with entrustment of goods:

(1) a security interest continues in collateral notwithstanding sale, lease, license, exchange, or other disposition thereof unless the secured party authorized the disposition free of the security interest; and

(2) a security interest attaches to any identifiable proceeds of collateral.

(b) When commingled proceeds identifiable. Proceeds that are commingled with other property are identifiable proceeds:

(1) if the proceeds are goods, to the extent provided by the provisions of

this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with commingled goods; and

(2) if the proceeds are not goods, to the extent that the secured party identifies the proceeds by a method of tracing, including application of equitable principles, that is permitted under law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act with respect to commingled property of the type involved.

(c) **Perfection of security interest in proceeds.** A security interest in proceeds is a perfected security interest if the security interest in the original collateral was perfected.

(d) **Continuation of perfection.** A perfected security interest in proceeds becomes unperfected on the 21st day after the security interest attaches to the proceeds unless:

(1) the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) a filed financing statement covers the original collateral;

(B) the proceeds are collateral in which a security interest may be perfected by filing in the office in which the financing statement has been filed; and

(C) the proceeds are not acquired with cash proceeds;

(2) the proceeds are identifiable cash proceeds; or

(3) the security interest in the proceeds is perfected other than under subsection (c) when the security interest attaches to the proceeds or within 20 days thereafter.

(e) **When perfected security interest in proceeds becomes unperfected.** If a filed financing statement covers the original collateral, a security interest in proceeds which remains perfected under subsection (d)(1) becomes unperfected at the later of:

(1) when the effectiveness of the filed financing statement lapses or is terminated under the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with

lapse or termination; or

(2) the 21st day after the security interest attaches to the proceeds.

**SECTION 15-9-316. CONTINUED PERFECTION OF SECURITY INTEREST
FOLLOWING CHANGE IN GOVERNING LAW.**

(a) **General rule: effect on perfection of change in governing law.** A security interest to which this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act becomes applicable that is perfected pursuant to the law of another jurisdiction remains perfected until the earliest of:

(1) the time perfection would have ceased under the law of that jurisdiction;

(2) the expiration of four months after the debtor becomes subject to the jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe (subsections (d) and (e)); or

(3) the expiration of one year after a transfer of collateral to a person that thereby becomes a debtor and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe.

(b) **Security interest perfected or unperfected under law of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe.** If a security interest described in subsection (a) becomes perfected under the law of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe before the end of the applicable period described in that subsection, it remains perfected thereafter until perfection lapses in accordance with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. Otherwise, it becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

(c) **Goods covered by certificate of title from this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe.** A security interest to which this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act becomes applicable

which is perfected by any method under the law of another jurisdiction when the goods become covered by a certificate of title from this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe remains perfected until the security interest would have become unperfected under the law of the other jurisdiction had the goods not become so covered. However, the security interest becomes unperfected as against a purchaser of the goods for value and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the goods for value, if the applicable requirements for perfection under Section 15-9-311(b) or 15-9-313, dealing with perfection by compliance with other law or by possession, are not satisfied before the earlier of:

(1) the time the security interest would have become unperfected under the law of the other jurisdiction had the goods not become covered by a certificate of title from this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe; or

(2) the expiration of four months after the goods had become so covered.

(d) When debtor subject to jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe for purposes of this section. For purposes of this section only, a debtor becomes subject to the jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe if:

(1) the debtor is an individual whose principal residence comes to be within this jurisdiction or who becomes a member of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe;

(2) the debtor is an organization, other than a registered organization, and its sole place of business or, if it has more than one place of business, its chief executive office, comes to be within this jurisdiction; or

(3) the debtor comes to be

(A) a registered organization that is organized solely under the law

of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe; or

(B) incorporated under a charter issued to a tribe by the United States Secretary of the Interior pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 477, as the same may be amended from time to time.

The term “registered organization” means an organization organized solely under the law of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe, a single State, or the United States and as to which this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe, the State, or the United States must maintain a public record showing the organization to have been organized. The term “place of business” means a place where a debtor conducts its affairs.

(e) **Continuation of jurisdiction: cessation of existence, etc.** For purposes of subsection (d),

(1) a person other than a registered organization continues to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe notwithstanding the fact that it ceases to exist, have a residence, or have a place of business; and

(2) a registered organization continues to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe notwithstanding

(A) the suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or lapse of the registered organization’s status as such; or

(B) the dissolution, winding up, or cancellation of the existence of the registered organization.

SUBPART 3. PRIORITY

SECTION 15-9-317. INTERESTS THAT TAKE PRIORITY OVER SECURITY INTEREST.

(a) **Subordination to certain lien creditors and purchasers.** A security interest is subordinate to the rights of:

(1) a person that becomes a lien creditor before the security interest is perfected;

(2) a buyer of tangible personal property (including instruments and tangible documents or chattel paper), a lessee of goods, a licensee of a general intangible, or a buyer of accounts or general intangibles or securities that

(A) gives value; and

(B) in the case of a buyer of tangible personal property, a lessee of goods, or a buyer of a security certificate, acquires possession;

(C) in all cases to which this subsection (a)(2) applies, without knowledge of the security interest and before it is perfected;

(3) a secured party entitled to priority under subsection (c).

(b) **Purchase-money grace period.** Notwithstanding subsection (a), a purchase money secured party that files a financing statement before or within 20 days after the debtor acquires possession of the collateral has priority over the rights of a buyer, lessee or lien creditor which arise between the time the security interest attaches and the time of filing.

(c) **General rule for priority among conflicting secured parties.** Priority

among conflicting security interests in the same collateral is determined as follows:

(1) Conflicting perfected security interests in the same collateral rank according to priority in time of filing or perfection. Priority dates from the earlier of the time a filing covering the collateral is first made or the security interest is first perfected, if there is no period thereafter when there is neither filing nor perfection.

(2) A perfected security interest has priority over a conflicting unperfected security interest.

(3) The first security interest to attach has priority if conflicting security interests are unperfected.

(d) **Time of perfection for proceeds.** The time of filing or perfection as to a security interest in collateral is also the time of filing or perfection as to a security interest in proceeds, except as provided in Section 15-9-318.

(e) **Priority in proceeds.** Except as provided elsewhere in this part, a security interest that has priority under Section 15-9-318(e), (f) or (j) also has priority over a conflicting security interest in proceeds if

(1) the security interest in proceeds is perfected;

(2) the proceeds are cash proceeds or of the same type as the collateral;

and

(3) in the case of proceeds of proceeds, all intervening proceeds are cash proceeds, proceeds of the same type as the collateral, or an account relating to the collateral.

(f) **First-to-file rule for certain collateral.** If a security interest in chattel paper, negotiable documents, instruments, securities or investment accounts is perfected by a method

other than filing, and if the proceeds are not cash proceeds, chattel paper, negotiable documents, instruments, securities, investment accounts or letter of credit rights, then priority in the proceeds is determined by the order of any filing.

(g) **Deferral to other applicable law.** If applicable law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act gives a security interest or right of set-off to a collecting bank, an issuer or nominated person with respect to a letter of credit, a buyer or seller or lessee of goods, or in personal property that is not subject to this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, that law governs in the event of conflict with the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-318. PARTICULAR PRIORITY RULES.

(a) **Relationship to preceding Section.** This section creates exceptions to the general priority rules of Section 15-9-317.

(b) **Consignee deemed to have rights of consignor.** For the purpose of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, while goods are in the possession of a consignee, the consignee is deemed to have rights and title to the goods identical to those the consignor had or had power to transfer. If Part 3 of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act results in the consignor having priority over a creditor of the consignee, law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act determines the rights and title of the consignee with regard to that creditor.

(c) **Ordinary course buyers, licensees and lessees take free.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a buyer in ordinary course of business, a person that takes

a non-exclusive license of a general intangible in ordinary course of business, or a person that takes a lease of goods in ordinary course of business, takes its interest in the collateral free of a security interest in the collateral created by the seller, licensor, or lessor, even if the security interest is perfected and the buyer, licensee or lessee knows of its existence. Whether a licensee or lessee takes its interest in ordinary course of business is to be determined by criteria parallel to those for a buyer in ordinary course of business (Section 15-9-102(a)(7)). This subsection does not apply to

(1) a buyer of farm products from a person engaged in farming operations, unless the buyer

(A) obtains from the seller a notarized statement setting forth the name and address of any person that has a security interest in the farm products; and

(B) either (i) obtains a consent to the sale free of the security interest from the secured party or (ii) makes payment for the farm products jointly to the seller and the secured party;

(2) a buyer of goods in the possession of the secured party (Section 15-9-313).

(d) **Buyer of consumer goods takes free.** A buyer of goods from a person who used or bought the goods for use primarily for personal, family or household purposes takes free of a security interest, even if perfected, if the buyer buys

(1) without knowledge of the security interest;

(2) for value;

(3) primarily for the buyer's personal, family, or household purposes; and

(4) in the case of goods having a value of \$5,000 or more, before the filing of a financing statement covering the goods. However, this subsection does not apply to a buyer of goods in the possession of the secured party (Section 15-9-313).

(e) **Purchaser of chattel paper or instrument.** (1) A purchaser of chattel paper or an instrument has priority over a security interest if

(A) the purchaser, in good faith and in the ordinary course of the purchaser's business, gives new value and takes possession of the collateral;

(B) the collateral does not indicate that it has been previously assigned to an identified person other than the purchaser; and

(C) the purchaser is otherwise without knowledge that the purchase violates the rights of the secured party.

(2) A purchaser with priority in chattel paper under subsection (e)(1) also has priority in proceeds of the chattel paper to the extent that

(A) the proceeds consist of the specific goods covered by the chattel paper or cash proceeds of the specific goods, even if the security interest in the proceeds is unperfected; or

(B) Section 15-9-317(c), (d) or (e) so provides.

(f) **Holder in due course and others protected.** This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not limit the rights of, or impose liability on, a holder in due course of a negotiable instrument, a holder to which a negotiable document has been duly negotiated, or a person protected against the assertion of a claim to investment property under other applicable law. Filing under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act is not notice of a claim or

defense to the holder or protected person.

(g) **Priority of future advances.** (1) With respect to a conflicting security interest, the priority of an advance under a security agreement is determined under Section 15-9-317(b), except that perfection dates from the time the advance is made if the security interest securing it is perfected only by attachment (Section 15-9-309) or temporarily by law (Section 15-9-312(e), (f) or (g)) and is not made pursuant to a commitment entered into before or while the security interest is perfected by another means.

(2) With respect to a lien creditor, the security interest securing an advance is subordinate if the advance is made more than 45 days after the person becomes a lien creditor, unless the advance is made without knowledge of the lien or pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the lien.

(3) With respect to a buyer of goods other than a buyer in ordinary course of business (Section 15-9-102(a)(7)), and with respect to a lessee of goods that does not take its lease in ordinary course of business (Section 15-9-318(c)), the security interest securing an advance is subordinate if the advance is made after the earlier of the time the secured party acquires knowledge of the purchase or 45 days after the purchase, unless the advance is made pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the purchase and before the expiration of the 45-day period.

(4) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection do not apply to a security interest held by a person that is a consignor or a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles or promissory notes.

(h) **Purchase money super-priority.** The following rules governs the priority of

a purchase money security interest and a conflicting security interest in collateral and its proceeds:

(1) **Goods other than inventory and livestock.** A perfected purchase-money security interest in goods other than inventory or livestock that are farm products has priority over a conflicting security interest, and a perfected security interest in identifiable proceeds also has priority, if the purchase-money security interest is perfected when the debtor receives possession of the collateral or within 20 days thereafter.

(2) **Inventory and livestock.** A perfected purchase-money security interest in inventory or livestock that are farm products has priority over a conflicting security interest if the purchase-money security interest is perfected when the debtor acquires possession of the goods and the purchase-money secured party sends timely and appropriate notice to the holder of the conflicting security interest, provided that no such notice is required unless the holder of the conflicting security interest has filed a financing statement covering the same types of goods:

(A) before the purchase-money security interest is perfected by filing; or

(B) if the purchase-money security interest is temporarily perfected under Section 15-9-312(f), before the beginning of the applicable 20-day period.

If a purchase-money secured party has priority in inventory under this paragraph (2), it also has priority in chattel paper or an instrument constituting proceeds, in proceeds of the chattel paper except as otherwise provided in this section, and in identifiable cash proceeds received on or before delivery of the goods to a buyer. If a purchase-money secured party has priority in

livestock that are farm products under this paragraph (2), it also has priority in their identifiable proceeds and products in their unmanufactured states.

(3) **Software.** A perfected purchase-money security interest in software has priority over a conflicting security interest, and a perfected security interest in its identifiable proceeds also has priority, to the extent that the purchase-money security interest in the goods in which the software was acquired for use has priority in the goods and proceeds of the goods.

(4) **Priority among PMSIs.** Notwithstanding the rest of this subsection (f), if two or more purchase-money security interests are perfected in the same collateral, the security interest securing an obligation for the price has priority, and otherwise priority is determined by the rule of Section 15-9-317(b).

(i) **Transferee of money or funds takes free.** A transferee of money or of funds from a deposit account takes the money or funds free of a security interest unless the transferee acts in collusion with the debtor in violating the rights of the secured party.

(j) **Priority of interest perfected by control; possession of certificated security in registered form.** A security interest in a security or an investment account perfected by control (Section 15-9-314) has priority over a security interest perfected in another way. Multiple security interests perfected by control rank according to time of acquiring control; however, a security interest held by an investment intermediary in the investment account that it maintains has priority regardless of time of acquiring control. A security interest in a certificated security in registered form that is perfected by possession (Section 15-9-313) and not by control has priority over a conflicting security interest perfected by a method other than control.

(k) **Possessory liens.** A lien created by statute or rule of law which secures

payment or performance of an obligation for services or materials furnished with respect to goods by a person in the ordinary course of the person's business and whose effectiveness depends on the person's possession of the goods has priority over a security interest in the goods unless the lien is created by a statute that expressly provides otherwise.

**SECTION 15-9-319. PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN FIXTURES
AND CROPS.**

(a) **Security interest in fixtures under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.** A security interest under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act may be created in goods that are fixtures or may continue in goods that become fixtures. A security interest does not exist under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act in ordinary building materials incorporated into an improvement on land.

(b) **Security interest in fixtures under real-property law.** This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not prevent creation of an encumbrance upon fixtures under real property law.

(c) **General rule: subordination of security interest in fixtures.** In cases not governed by subsections (d) through (h), a security interest in fixtures is subordinate to a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the related real property other than the debtor.

(d) **Fixtures purchase-money priority.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h), a perfected security interest in fixtures has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if the debtor has an interest of record in or is in

possession of the real property and:

(1) the security interest is a purchase-money security interest;

(2) the interest of the encumbrancer or owner arises before the goods become fixtures; and

(3) the security interest is perfected by an appropriate filing before the goods become fixtures or within 20 days thereafter.

(e) Priority of security interest in fixtures over interests in real property. A perfected security interest in fixtures has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if:

(1) the debtor has an interest of record in the real property or is in possession of the real property and the security interest:

(A) is perfected by an appropriate filing before the interest of the encumbrancer or owner is of record; and

(B) has priority over any conflicting interest of a predecessor in title of the encumbrancer or owner;

(2) before the goods become fixtures, the security interest is perfected by any method permitted by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act and the fixtures are readily removable:

(A) factory or office machines;

(B) equipment that is not primarily used or leased for use in the operation of the real property; or

(C) replacements of domestic appliances that are consumer goods;

(3) the conflicting interest is a lien on the real property obtained by legal or equitable proceedings after the security interest was perfected by any method permitted by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act; or

(4) the security interest is:

(A) created in a manufactured home in a manufactured-home transaction; and

(B) perfected pursuant to a statute described in Section 15-9-311(a)(2).

(f) Priority based on consent, disclaimer, or right to remove. A security interest in fixtures, whether or not perfected, has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if:

(1) the encumbrancer or owner has, in a signed record, consented to the security interest or disclaimed an interest in the goods as fixtures; or

(2) the debtor has a right to remove the goods as against the encumbrancer or owner.

(g) Continuation of paragraph (f)(2) priority. The priority of the security interest under paragraph (f)(2) continues for a reasonable time if the debtor right to remove the goods as against the encumbrancer or owner terminates.

(h) Priority of construction mortgage. A mortgage is a construction mortgage to the extent that it secures an obligation incurred for the construction of an improvement on land, including the acquisition cost of the land, if a recorded record of the mortgage so indicates. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (e) and (f), a security interest in fixtures is

subordinate to a construction mortgage if a record of the mortgage is recorded before the goods become fixtures and the goods become fixtures before the completion of the construction. A mortgage has this priority to the same extent as a construction mortgage to the extent that it is given to refinance a construction mortgage.

(i) **Priority of security interest in crops.** A perfected security interest in crops growing on real property has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if the debtor has an interest of record in or is in possession of the real property.

(j) **Subsection (i) prevails.** Subsection (i) prevails over any inconsistent provisions of the following statutes:

List here any statutes containing provisions inconsistent with subsection (i).

SECTION 15-9-320. ACCESSIONS.

(a) **Creation of security interest in accession.** A security interest may be created in an accession and continues in collateral that becomes an accession.

(b) **Perfection of security interest.** If a security interest is perfected when the collateral becomes an accession, the security interest remains perfected in the collateral.

(c) **Priority of security interest.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the other provisions of this part determine the priority of a security interest in an accession.

(d) **Compliance with certificate-of-title statute.** A security interest in an accession is subordinate to a security interest in the whole which is perfected by compliance with the requirements of a certificate-of-title statute under Section 15-9-311(b).

(e) **Removal of accession after default.** After default, subject to Part 6, a

secured party may remove an accession from other goods if the security interest in the accession has priority over the claims of every person having an interest in the whole.

(f) **Reimbursement following removal.** A secured party that removes an accession from other goods under subsection (e) shall promptly reimburse any holder of a security interest or other lien on, or owner of, the whole or of the other goods, other than the debtor, for the cost of repair of any physical injury to the whole or the other goods. The secured party need not reimburse the holder or owner for any diminution in value of the whole or the other goods caused by the absence of the accession removed or by any necessity for replacing it. A person entitled to reimbursement may refuse permission to remove until the secured party gives adequate assurance for the performance of the obligation to reimburse.

SECTION 15-9-321. COMMINGLED GOODS.

(a) **“Commingled goods.”** In this section, “commingled goods” means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that their identity is lost in a product or mass.

(b) **No security interest in commingled goods as such.** A security interest does not exist in commingled goods as such. However, a security interest may attach to a product or mass that results when goods become commingled goods.

(c) **Attachment of security interest to product or mass.** If collateral becomes commingled goods, a security interest attaches to the product or mass.

(d) **Perfection of security interest.** If a security interest in collateral is perfected before the collateral becomes commingled goods, the security interest that attaches to the product

or mass under subsection (c) is perfected.

(e) **Priority of security interest.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), the other provisions of this part determine the priority of a security interest that attaches to the product or mass under subsection (c).

(f) **Conflicting security interests in product or mass.** If more than one security interest attaches to the product or mass under subsection (c), the following rules determine priority:

(1) A security interest that is perfected under subsection (d) has priority over a security interest that is unperfected at the time the collateral becomes commingled goods.

(2) If more than one security interest is perfected under subsection (d), the security interests rank equally in proportion to the value of the collateral at the time it became commingled goods.

SECTION 15-9-322. PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN GOODS

COVERED BY CERTIFICATE OF TITLE. If, while a security interest in goods is perfected by any method under the law of another jurisdiction, this jurisdiction issues a certificate of title (Section 15-9-106(a)(11)) that does not show that the goods are subject to the security interest or contain a statement that they may be subject to security interests not shown on the certificate:

(1) a buyer of the goods, other than a person in the business of selling goods of that kind, takes free of the security interest if the buyer gives value and receives delivery of the goods after issuance of the certificate and without knowledge of the security interest; and

(2) the security interest is subordinate to a conflicting security interest in the

goods that attaches, and is perfected under Section 15-9-311(b), after issuance of the certificate and without the conflicting secured party's knowledge of the security interest.

SECTION 15-9-323. PRIORITY SUBJECT TO SUBORDINATION. This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not preclude subordination by agreement by a person entitled to priority.

PART 4

RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

SECTION 15-9-401. ALIENABILITY OF DEBTOR'S RIGHTS.

Whether a debtor's rights in collateral may be voluntarily or involuntarily transferred is governed by law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act; however, an agreement between a debtor and secured party which prohibits a transfer of the debtor's rights in collateral or makes the transfer a default does not prevent the transfer from taking effect. This section is subject to Section 15-9-404, which invalidates certain legal and contractual restrictions on transferability that generally would be effective under other law.

SECTION 15-9-402. SECURED PARTY NOT OBLIGATED ON CONTRACT OF DEBTOR OR IN TORT.

The existence of a security interest or authority given to a debtor to dispose of or use collateral, without more, does not subject a secured party to liability in contract or tort for the debtor's acts or omissions.

SECTION 15-9-403. RIGHTS OF ASSIGNEE.

(a) **Waiver-of-defense clauses; limitations thereon.** An agreement between an account debtor and an assignor not to assert against an assignee any claim or defense that the account debtor may have against the assignor is enforceable by an assignee that takes an assignment in good faith, and for value as defined in the law governing negotiable instruments, except as to claims or defenses that may be asserted against a holder in due course of a negotiable instrument. However, such an agreement is not enforceable if

(1) the agreement relates to an obligation incurred on account of a sale or lease of goods or services;

(2) the account debtor seeks or acquires the goods or services primarily for personal, family or household use; and

(3) the assignor, in the ordinary course of its business, sells or leases goods or services to consumers.

(b) **Parallel rule for negotiable instruments.** If a negotiable promissory note represents an obligation incurred on account of a sale or lease of goods or service, and the issuer seeks or acquires the goods or services primarily for personal, family or household use, and the payee, in the ordinary course of its business, sells or leases goods or services to consumers, then the issuer may assert any claims and defenses against a person entitled to enforce the note,

including a holder in due course.

(c) **Assignee's rights subject to terms, claims and defenses.** Except to the extent an agreement to the contrary is enforceable under subsection (a), the rights of an assignee are subject to reduction of the amount owed by reason of all terms of the contract between the account debtor and assignor, any defense or claim in recoupment arising from the transaction that gave rise to the contract, and any other defense or claim of the account debtor against the assignor which accrues before the account debtor receives adequate notification of the assignment signed by the assignor or the assignee. This subsection does not apply to the assignee of a health-care-insurance receivable.

(d) **Discharge of account debtor or party to instrument.** An account debtor or party to a negotiable promissory note may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor or person formerly entitled to enforce the note until, but not after, such account debtor or party receives:

(1) adequate notification that performance is to be rendered to the assignee or transferee, signed

(A) in the case of an account debtor, by the assignor or assignee, and

(B) in the case of a negotiable promissory note, by the transferor or transferee; and

(2) if requested by such account debtor or party, reasonable proof of the assignment or transfer.

In the case of an account debtor, discharge under this subsection is effective notwithstanding an

otherwise enforceable agreement not to assert claims or defenses. In the case of a party to a negotiable promissory note, discharge under this subsection is effective against a holder in due course.

(e) **Modifications of contract.** A modification of or substitution for an assigned contract is effective against an assignee to the extent provided by law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-404. RESTRICTIONS ON ASSIGNMENT.

(a) **Commercially harmful restrictions on alienation invalid.** A commercially harmful restriction on alienation (subsections (b), (c) and (d)) of property is invalid.

(b) **Commercially harmful defined for certain transactions.** In an assignment of accounts other than health-care-insurance receivables, an assignment of chattel paper, an assignment of payment intangibles that is not a sale, or a transfer of promissory notes that is not a sale, the term “commercially harmful restriction on alienation” means a term in an agreement between an account debtor and an assignor, or in a promissory note, to the extent that it

(1) prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note, to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in, the affected property; or

(2) provides that such an assignment, transfer, creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement may give rise to a default or remedy.

(c) (1) **Commercially harmful defined less broadly for other transactions.** In an assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable, a sale of promissory notes, a sale of payment

intangibles, or a security interest in other general intangibles (including a contract, permit, or license, or franchise) that is not a sale, the term “commercially harmful restriction on alienation” has the same meaning as in subsection (b) except that the references to enforcement of a security interest appearing in subsection (b)(1) and (2) are excluded.

(2) Limitation on effect in such other transactions. To the extent a commercially harmful restriction on alienation under paragraph (c)(1) would otherwise be effective under law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, the creation, attachment, or perfection of the security interest:

(A) does not impose a duty or obligation on the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note;

(B) is not enforceable against the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note; and

(C) does not entitle the secured party to:

(i) use the debtor’s rights in or to the property;

(ii) have access to trade secrets or confidential information of the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note; or

(iii) enforce the security interest.

(d) Rule of law as commercially harmful restriction. In addition to the meanings set forth in subsections (b) and (c), the term “commercially harmful restriction on alienation” includes a rule of law to the extent that it

(1) requires the consent of a governmental body or official to the assignment or transfer of, or actions described in subsection (b) or (c), as applicable, regarding a

security interest in, the property; or

(2) has any of the effects of a commercially harmful restriction on alienation as defined in subsection (b) or (c), as applicable.

(e) **Deferral to consumer law; inapplicability.** This section is subject to any different rule in other law for a consumer. In addition, this section does not apply to an assignment of

(1) a claim or right to receive compensation for injuries or sickness as described in 26 U.S.C. § 104(a)(1) or (2), as the same may be amended from time to time;

(2) a claim or right to receive benefits under a special needs trust as described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(d)(4), as the same may be amended from time to time.

(3) a structured settlement payment right; or

(4) a right to payment of winnings in a lottery or other game of chance regulated by law other than this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

PART 5

FILING

SECTION 15-9-501. ACCEPTANCE, REFUSAL, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FINANCING STATEMENTS; ADMINISTRATION.

(a) **Place to file.** The place to file a financing statement to perfect a security interest governed by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act or another record relating to a security interest is the office of the Montana Secretary of State which shall, pursuant to

agreement with the Chairman of the Executive Branch, administer the filing system on behalf of the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe until such time as the Tribe has established its own central filing office. However, if (1) the collateral is as-extracted collateral or timber to be cut, or (2) the financing statement is filed as a fixture filing, the collateral is goods that are or are to become fixtures, and the debtor is not a transmitting utility, then the place to file the financing statement is the office designated for the filing or recording of a record of a mortgage on the related real property.

(b) **Pre-filing; acceptance and refusal.** A financing statement may be filed before a security agreement is made or a security interest attaches. Receipt by the filing office of a financing statement or other record, in appropriate form by an appropriate method, and tender of the filing fee, constitutes filing, and in those cases the filing office must accept the record. If the filing office refuses the record, it must communicate that fact to the person that presented the record, as well as the reason for refusal and the date and time that the record would have otherwise been filed.

(c) **Effectiveness of financing statement; minor errors.** A record in appropriate form and communicated to the filing office by an appropriate method is effective even if:

(1) it is improperly refused by the filing office, except as against a purchaser of the collateral for value in reasonable reliance on the absence of the record from the files;

(2) it is incorrectly indexed by the filing office; or

(3) it has minor errors or omissions in information required to perfect a security interest, unless the errors or omissions make the record seriously misleading. If a

financing statement fails sufficiently to provide the name of the debtor, the name provided does not make the financing statement seriously misleading if a search of the filing office's records under the debtor's correct name using the filing office's standard search logic, if any, would disclose the financing statement.

(d) **Subordination in certain cases of reliance.** If information that the filing office's regulations require to be included in a record, but that Section 15-9-502(a) does not require for perfection of a security interest, is incorrect at the time the record is filed, the security interest is subordinate to a conflicting perfected security interest or the interest of a purchaser other than a secured party, to the extent that

(1) the holder of the conflicting security interest gives value in reasonable reliance on the incorrect information; or

(2) the purchaser gives value and, in the case of a buyer or lessee of property capable of being possessed, takes possession, all in reasonable reliance on the incorrect information.

(e) **Fees.** The filing office may set fees for filing and indexing a record under subsection (a) by regulation or, if applicable, pursuant to agreement with the Montana Secretary of State.

(f) **Regulations.** The filing office is charged with administration of Part 5 of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. In accordance with applicable administrative and interpretive rules and after review and approval of the tribal legislative body, the filing office shall promulgate and make available the following, in both cases consistent with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act and with tribal and commercial policy:

(1) regulations to the extent thought necessary for the effective implementation and enforcement of Part 5 of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act; and

(2) an implementation manual providing guidance to persons entering into transactions governed by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

(g) **Delegation of administration.** The tribal legislative body may delegate the administration of Part 5 of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act to a third party, including the filing office or offices of another jurisdiction. No delegation of performance relieves the filing office of any duty imposed on it by this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-502. CONTENTS OF RECORDS; AUTHORIZATION; LAPSE; CONTINUATION; TERMINATION.

(a) **Information required for perfection; other required contents.** A financing statement is sufficient to perfect a security interest only if it provides the name of the debtor, the name of the secured party or a representative of the secured party, and indicates the collateral covered by the financing statement with a description, whether or not specific, that reasonably identifies the collateral or states that it covers all assets or all personal property. A financing statement or a record of a mortgage that covers as-extracted collateral or timber to be cut, or that is filed as a fixture filing and covers goods that are or are to become fixtures, is sufficient only if in addition it includes such further information as required by filing office regulation. A record that constitutes a termination statement, assigns a record, continues a record, or otherwise amends

a record must comply with the regulations of the filing office for such records.

(b) **Other information and filing office regulations.** A record may include information other than that required by subsection (a), such as addresses for the debtor and secured party, the characterization of a party as an individual or an organization and, if an organization, the type of organization, and the jurisdiction of organization of the debtor, or a trade name for the debtor, and may use other terms such as “consignor”, “lessor”, or “licensor”, to the extent permitted by and in compliance with the regulations of the filing office, and shall include such other information to the extent required by such regulations.

(c) **Duration of effectiveness.** A validly filed financing statement is effective for five years after the date of filing unless sooner terminated, except as follows:

(1) If the financing statement correctly indicates that it is filed in connection with a manufactured-home transaction or a public-finance transaction, it is effective for thirty years after the date of filing unless sooner terminated;

(2) If the debtor is a transmitting utility and the financing statement so indicates, the financing statement is effective until terminated; and

(3) A mortgage that is effective as a financing statement is effective until the mortgage is satisfied of record.

(d) **Continuation and lapse.** A financing statement lapses at the end of the period specified in subsection (c) unless a continuation statement is filed within six months before the expiration of the period. A lapsed financing statement ceases to perfect the security interest unless it is perfected otherwise before lapse, and the security interest is deemed to never have been perfected against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

(e) **Effect of continuation and other amendments.** Upon proper continuation, the effectiveness of a filed financing statement continues for an additional period commencing on the date on which it otherwise would have become ineffective, and again may lapse unless further continued. An amendment to a financing statement other than a continuation statement does not extend the effectiveness of a financing statement, is effective only from its date of filing, and may be effective as a termination statement as prescribed in the regulations of the filing office.

(f) **Termination statement.** Upon the filing of a termination statement, the financing statement to which the termination statement relates ceases to be effective. A secured party or secured party of record shall file, cause to be filed, or send a termination statement in accordance with the regulations promulgated under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

(g) **Persons entitled to file.** Only a person authorized by the debtor in compliance with this subsection or with regulations of the filing office, or a person otherwise designated by those regulations, may file a record that is effective. By signing a security agreement, the debtor authorizes the filing of a financing statement and amendments covering (1) the collateral described in the security agreement and (2) property that becomes collateral under Section 15-9-315(a)(2), relating to identifiable proceeds.

(h) **Change of name; transfer of collateral; new person becoming bound.** If a debtor so changes its name, or an organization its identity or corporate structure, that a filed financing statement becomes seriously misleading, the financing statement is not effective to perfect a security interest in collateral acquired by the debtor more than four months after the change, unless an appropriate filing is made before the expiration of that time. If a security

interest continues in collateral transferred by the debtor (Section 15-9-315(a)), a filed financing statement with respect to collateral remains effective, even if the secured party knows of or consents to the transfer.

SECTION 15-9-503. FILING PROCEDURES.

The rules, procedures and requirements for filing under this Act shall be those specified in Title 30, Chapter 9A, Part 5 of the Montana Code Annotated (as such statutes may be amended by the State of Montana Legislature), together with the applicable Montana State administrative filing rules and regulations as they pertain to the administration of the central filing system and any requirements thereto (as well as any amendments to such rules or regulations), which the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe hereby adopts and incorporates by reference into Tribal law. At such time as the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe establishes its own central filing office, the filing rules and procedures will be set by regulations issued by such Tribal office.

PART 6

DEFAULT

SUBPART 1. DEFAULT AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS

SECTION 15-9-601. RIGHTS AFTER DEFAULT; JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT; CONSIGNOR OR BUYER OF ACCOUNTS, CHATTEL PAPER, PAYMENT INTANGIBLES, OR PROMISSORY NOTES.

(a) **Rights of secured party after default.** After default, a secured party has the rights provided in this part, the rights and duties related to possession or control of collateral (Section 15-9-204) and, except as otherwise provided in the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke

Secured Transactions Act dealing with waivers and variances of rights and duties (Section 15-9-602), those provided by agreement of the parties. A secured party:

(1) may reduce a claim to judgment, foreclose, or otherwise enforce the claim, security interest, by any available judicial procedure; and

(2) if the collateral is documents, may proceed either as to the documents or as to the goods they cover.

(b) **Rights cumulative; simultaneous exercise.** The rights under subsections (a) are cumulative and may be exercised simultaneously.

(d) **Rights of debtor and obligor.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) and under the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with an unknown debtor or a secondary obligor (Section 15-9-605), after default, a debtor and an obligor have the rights provided in this part and by agreement of the parties.

(e) **Lien of levy after judgment.** If a secured party has reduced its claim to judgment, the lien of any levy that may be made upon the collateral by virtue of an execution based upon the judgment relates back to the earliest of:

(1) the date of perfection of the security interest in the collateral;

(2) the date of filing a financing statement covering the collateral; or

(3) any date specified in a statute under which the lien was created.

(f) **Execution sale.** A sale pursuant to an execution is a foreclosure of the security interest by judicial procedure within the meaning of this section. A secured party may purchase at the sale and thereafter hold the collateral free of any other requirements of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

(g) **Consignor or buyer of certain rights to payment.** Except as otherwise provided in the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with commercially reasonable collection and enforcement (Section 15-9-606(b)), this part imposes no duties upon a secured party that is a consignor or is a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes.

SECTION 15-9-602. WAIVER AND VARIANCE OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

Except as otherwise provided in the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with waivers (Section 15-9-622), to the extent that they give rights to a debtor or obligor and impose duties on a secured party, the debtor or obligor may not waive or vary the rules stated in the following sections of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with:

- (1) rights and duties when collateral is in a secured party's possession (Section 15-9-204);
- (2) requests for an accounting or requests regarding a list of collateral or statement of an account (Section 15-9-207);
- (3) commercially reasonable collection and enforcement (Section 15-9-607(b));
- (4) application of proceeds, deficiency and surplus (Section 15-9-608(a) and 15-9-615(c)), to the extent that they deal with application or payment of noncash proceeds of collection, enforcement, or disposition;
- (5) application of proceeds and the like (Sections 15-9-608 and 15-9-

615(d)), to the extent that they require accounting for or payment of surplus proceeds of collateral;

(6) a secured party's right to take possession after default and limitations thereon (Section 15-9-609), to the extent that it imposes upon the secured party taking possession of collateral without judicial process the duty to do so without breach of the peace and with consent of the debtor;

(7) commercially reasonable disposition (Section 15-9-610(b)), notification before disposition of the collateral (Section 15-9-611), and the contents and form of a notification before disposition of the collateral (Section 15-9-613);

(8) calculation of a deficiency or surplus when the fairness of the amount of proceeds is placed in issue (Section 15-9-615(e));

(9) explanation of the calculation of a surplus or deficiency (Section 15-9-616);

(10) acceptance of collateral in satisfaction of obligation (Section 15-9-620);

(11) right to redeem collateral (Section 15-9-623);

(12) waivers (Section 15-9-624); and

(13) the secured party's liability for failure to comply with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act (Sections 15-9-625 and 15-9-626).

SECTION 15-9-603. AGREEMENT ON STANDARDS CONCERNING RIGHTS

AND DUTIES. The parties may determine by agreement the standards measuring the fulfillment of the rights of a debtor or obligor and the duties of a secured party under a rule stated in the

provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with waiver or variance of rights and duties (Section 15-9-603), if the standards are not manifestly unreasonable.

SECTION 15-9-604. PROCEDURE IF SECURITY AGREEMENT COVERS REAL PROPERTY OR FIXTURES.

(a) **Enforcement: personal and real property.** If a security agreement covers both personal and real property, a secured party may proceed:

(1) under this part as to the personal property without prejudicing any rights with respect to the real property; or

(2) as to both the personal property and the real property in accordance with the rights with respect to the real property, in which case the other provisions of this part do not apply.

(b) **Enforcement: fixtures.** Subject to subsection (c), if a security agreement covers goods that are or become fixtures, a secured party may proceed:

(1) under this part; or

(2) in accordance with the rights with respect to real property, in which case the other provisions of this part do not apply.

(c) **Removal of fixtures.** Subject to the other provisions of this part, if a secured party holding a security interest in fixtures has priority over all owners and encumbrancers of the real property, the secured party, after default, may remove the collateral from the real property.

(d) **Injury caused by removal.** A secured party that removes collateral shall promptly reimburse any encumbrancer or owner of the real property, other than the debtor, for the

cost of repair of any physical injury caused by the removal. The secured party need not reimburse the encumbrancer or owner for any diminution in value of the real property caused by the absence of the goods removed or by any necessity of replacing them. A person entitled to reimbursement may refuse permission to remove until the secured party gives adequate assurance for the performance of the obligation to reimburse.

SECTION 15-9-605. UNKNOWN DEBTOR OR SECONDARY OBLIGOR. A

secured party does not owe a duty based on its status as secured party:

(1) to a person that is a debtor or obligor, unless the secured party knows:

(A) that the person is a debtor or obligor;

(B) the identity of the person; and

(C) how to communicate with the person; or

(2) to a secured party or lienholder that has filed a financing statement

against a person, unless the secured party knows:

(A) that the person is a debtor; and

(B) the identity of the person.

SECTION 15-9-606. APPOINTMENT OF S SPECIAL JUDGE. In all actions filed for judicial enforcement of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, the Crow Tribal Court shall appoint a Special Judge to hear decide and enforce any and all judicial orders. As to the appointment of the Special Judge, the following preferences shall apply:

(1) Member of the Crow/Apsaalooke Tribe;

(2) Member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

The appointed Special Judge must have successfully passed the Crow Bar Examination. Prior to presiding over, acting upon or hearing a Crow/Apsaalooke Tribal Secured Transactions Act case, the Special Judge shall be confirmed by the Crow Tribal Legislature.

SECTION 15-9-607. COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BY SECURED PARTY.

(a) **Collection and enforcement generally.** If so agreed, and in any event after default, a secured party:

(1) may notify an account debtor or other person obligated on collateral to make payment or otherwise render performance to or for the benefit of the secured party;

(2) may take any proceeds to which the secured party is entitled under Section 15-9-311;

(3) may enforce the obligations of an account debtor or other person obligated on collateral and exercise the rights of the debtor with respect to the obligation of the account debtor or other person obligated on collateral to make payment or otherwise render performance to the debtor, and with respect to any property that secures the obligations of the account debtor or other person obligated on the collateral;

(b) **Commercially reasonable collection and enforcement.** A secured party shall proceed in a commercially reasonable manner if the secured party:

(1) undertakes to collect from or enforce an obligation of an account debtor or other person obligated on collateral; and

(2) is entitled to charge back uncollected collateral or otherwise to full or limited recourse against the debtor or a secondary obligor.

(c) **Expenses of collection and enforcement.** A secured party may deduct from the collections made pursuant to subsection (c) reasonable expenses of collection and enforcement, including reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the secured party.

(d) **Duties to secured party not affected.** This section does not determine whether an account debtor, bank, or other person obligated on collateral owes a duty to a secured party.

SECTION 15-9-608. APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF COLLECTION OR ENFORCEMENT; LIABILITY FOR DEFICIENCY AND RIGHT TO SURPLUS.

(a) **Application of proceeds, surplus, and deficiency if obligation secured.** If a security interest secures payment or performance of an obligation, the following rules apply:

(1) A secured party shall apply or pay over for application the cash proceeds of collection or enforcement under Section 15-9-607 in the following order to:

(A) the reasonable expenses of collection and enforcement and, to the extent provided for by agreement and not prohibited by law, reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the secured party;

(B) the satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest under which the collection or enforcement is made; and

(C) the satisfaction of obligations secured by any subordinate security interest in or other lien on the collateral subject to the security interest under which the collection or enforcement is made if the secured party receives a signed demand for proceeds

before distribution of the proceeds is completed.

(2) If requested by a secured party, a holder of a subordinate security interest or other lien shall furnish reasonable proof of the interest or lien within a reasonable time. Unless the holder complies, the secured party need not comply with the holder's demand under paragraph (1)(C).

(3) A secured party need not apply or pay over for application noncash proceeds of collection and enforcement under Section 15-9-607 unless the failure to do so would be commercially unreasonable. A secured party that applies or pays over for application noncash proceeds shall do so in a commercially reasonable manner.

(4) A secured party shall account to and pay a debtor for any surplus, and the obligor is liable for any deficiency.

**SECTION 15-9-609. SECURED PARTY'S LIMITED RIGHT TO TAKE
POSSESSION AFTER DEFAULT.**

(a) **Consent or judicial process.** Unless otherwise agreed, a secured party has at the time of or after default the powers described in subsection (b), but such powers may be exercised only pursuant to judicial process or with the debtor's consent. Such consent is effective only if expressed after default by means of a separate dated and signed personal statement in the debtor's handwriting, describing the powers to be exercised by the secured party and expressly acknowledging and waiving the debtor's right to require that such exercise be pursuant to judicial process.

(b) **Possession, rendering equipment unusable and assembly of collateral.**

Under the circumstances of subsection (a) the secured party may:

- (1) take possession of the collateral;
- (2) without removal, render equipment unusable and dispose of collateral on a debtor's premises under Section 15-9-610; and
- (3) require the debtor to assemble the collateral and make it available to the secured party at a place to be designated by the secured party which is reasonably convenient to both parties.

(c) **No breach of the peace.** A secured party acting pursuant to the debtor's consent under subsection (a) must proceed without breach of the peace.

SECTION 15-9-610. DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL AFTER DEFAULT.

(a) **Disposition after default.** After default, a secured party may sell, lease, license, or otherwise dispose of any or all of the collateral in its present condition or following any commercially reasonable preparation or processing.

(b) **Commercially reasonable disposition; tribal business day.** Every aspect of a disposition of collateral, including the method, manner, time, place, and other terms, must be commercially reasonable. If commercially reasonable, a secured party may dispose of collateral by public or private proceedings, by one or more contracts, as a unit or in parcels, and at any time and place and on any terms. In order to protect the debtor's right to redeem collateral (Section 15-9-623), a disposition of collateral shall take place only on a tribal business day.

(c) **Purchase by secured party.** A secured party may purchase collateral:

- (1) at a public disposition; or

(2) at a private disposition only if the collateral is of a kind that is customarily sold on a recognized market or the subject of widely distributed standard price quotations.

(d) **Warranties on disposition.** A contract for sale, lease, license, or other disposition includes the warranties relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, and the like which by operation of law accompany a voluntary disposition of property of the kind subject to the contract.

(e) **Disclaimer of warranties.** A secured party may disclaim or modify warranties under subsection (d):

(1) in a manner that would be effective to disclaim or modify the warranties in a voluntary disposition of property of the kind subject to the contract of disposition; or

(2) by communicating to the purchaser a record evidencing the contract for disposition and including an express disclaimer or modification of the warranties.

(f) **Record sufficient to disclaim warranties.** A record is sufficient to disclaim warranties under subsection (e) if it indicates "There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or the like in this disposition" or uses words of similar import.

SECTION 15-9-611. NOTIFICATION BEFORE DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL.

(a) **"Notification date."** In this section, "notification date" means the earlier of the date on which:

(1) a secured party sends to the debtor and any secondary obligor a signed notification of disposition; or

(2) the debtor and any secondary obligor waive the right to notification.

(b) Notification of disposition required. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), a secured party that disposes of collateral under Section 15-9-610 shall send to the persons specified in subsection (c) a reasonable signed notification of disposition.

(c) Persons to be notified. To comply with subsection (b), the secured party shall send a signed notification of disposition to:

(1) the debtor;

(2) any secondary obligor; and

(3) if the collateral is other than consumer goods:

(A) any other person from which the secured party has received, before the notification date, a signed notification of a claim of an interest in the collateral;

(B) any other secured party or lienholder that, 14 calendar days before the notification date, held a security interest in or other lien on the collateral perfected by the filing of a financing statement that:

(i) identified the collateral;

(ii) was indexed under the debtor's name as of that date; and

(iii) was filed in the office in which to file a financing statement against the debtor covering the collateral as of that date; and

(C) any other secured party that, 14 calendar days before the notification date, held a security interest in the collateral perfected by compliance with other applicable law (Section 15-9-311).

(d) Subsection (b) inapplicable: perishable collateral; recognized market.

Subsection (b) does not apply if the collateral is perishable or threatens to decline speedily in value or is of a type customarily sold on a recognized market.

(e) **Compliance with subsection (c)(3)(B).** A secured party complies with the requirement for notification prescribed by subsection (c)(3)(B) if:

(1) not later than 20 calendar days or earlier than 30 calendar days before the notification date, the secured party requests, in a commercially reasonable manner, information concerning financing statements indexed under the debtor's name in the office indicated in subsection (c)(3)(B); and

(2) before the notification date, the secured party:

(A) did not receive a response to the request for information; or

(B) received a response to the request for information and sent a signed notification of disposition to each secured party or other lienholder named in that response whose financing statement covered the collateral.

SECTION 15-9-612. TIMELINESS OF NOTIFICATION BEFORE DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL.

(a) **Reasonable time is question of fact.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), whether a notification is sent within a reasonable time is a question of fact.

(b) **Safe harbors for sufficiency of time.** Unless a specific time for sending a notification of disposition is established by the court, a notification of disposition is sent within a reasonable time before the disposition when it is sent after default and:

(1) in a consumer transaction, 20 calendar days or more before the earliest

time of disposition set forth in the notification; or

(2) in all other transactions, 10 calendar days or more before the earliest time of disposition set forth in the notification.

SECTION 15-9-613. CONTENTS AND FORM OF NOTIFICATION BEFORE DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL. The following rules apply to notification before disposition of collateral:

(1) The contents of a notification of disposition are sufficient if the notification:

- (A) describes the debtor and the secured party;
- (B) describes the collateral that is the subject of the intended disposition;
- (C) states the method of intended disposition;
- (D) states that the debtor is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness and states the charge, if any, for an accounting;
- (E) states the time and place of a public disposition or the time after which any other disposition is to be made;
- (F) describes any liability for a deficiency by the person receiving the notice; and
- (G) states a telephone number or mailing address from which additional information concerning redemption, disposition and the obligation secured is available.

(2) Whether the contents of a notification that lacks any of the information

specified in paragraph (1) are nevertheless sufficient is a question of fact.

(3) The contents of a notification providing substantially the information specified in paragraph (1) are sufficient, even if the notification includes:

(A) information not specified by that paragraph; or

(B) minor errors that are not seriously misleading.

(4) A particular phrasing of the notification is not required.

SECTION 15-9-614. RESERVED.

SECTION 15-9-615. APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF DISPOSITION; LIABILITY FOR DEFICIENCY AND RIGHT TO SURPLUS.

(a) **Application of proceeds.** A secured party shall apply or pay over for application the cash proceeds of disposition under Section 15-9-610 in the following order to:

(1) the reasonable expenses of retaking, holding, preparing for disposition, processing, and disposing, and, to the extent provided for by agreement and not prohibited by law, reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the secured party;

(2) the satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest under which the disposition is made;

(3) the satisfaction of obligations secured by any subordinate security interest in or other subordinate lien on the collateral if:

(A) the secured party receives from the holder of the subordinate security interest or other lien a signed demand for proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is

completed; and

(B) in a case in which a consignor has an interest in the collateral, the subordinate security interest or other lien is senior to the interest of the consignor; and

(4) a secured party that is a consignor of the collateral if the secured party receives from the consignor a signed demand for proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is completed.

(b) **Proof of subordinate interest.** If requested by a secured party, a holder of a subordinate security interest or other lien shall furnish reasonable proof of the interest or lien within a reasonable time. Unless the holder does so, the secured party need not comply with the holder's demand under subsection (a)(3).

(c) **Application of noncash proceeds.** A secured party need not apply or pay over for application noncash proceeds of disposition under Section 15-9-610 unless the failure to do so would be commercially unreasonable. A secured party that applies or pays over for application noncash proceeds shall do so in a commercially reasonable manner.

(d) **Surplus or deficiency if obligation secured.** If the security interest under which a disposition is made secures payment or performance of an obligation, after making the payments and applications required by subsection (a) and permitted by subsection (c):

(1) unless subsection (a)(4) requires the secured party to apply or pay over cash proceeds to a consignor, the secured party shall account to and pay a debtor for any surplus; and

(2) the obligor is liable for any deficiency.

(e) **Calculation of surplus or deficiency in disposition to person related to**

secured party. The surplus or deficiency following a disposition is calculated based on the amount of proceeds received, but if the fairness of the amount of those proceeds is placed in issue and the disposition was to a person related to the secured party, the secured party has the burden of establishing that the amount is not significantly below the range of proceeds that are represented by at least the wholesale value of the collateral.

(f) Cash proceeds received by junior secured party. A secured party that receives cash proceeds of a disposition in good faith and without knowledge that the receipt violates the rights of the holder of a security interest or other lien that is not subordinate to the security interest under which the disposition is made:

- (1) takes the cash proceeds free of the security interest or other lien;
- (2) is not obligated to apply the proceeds of the disposition to the satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest or other lien; and
- (3) is not obligated to account to or pay the holder of the security interest or other lien for any surplus.

SECTION 15-9-616. EXPLANATION OF CALCULATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY.

(a) Explanation of calculation. In a consumer transaction, a secured party must provide the debtor or consumer obligor a reasonably detailed explanation in a record of the manner in which any surplus or deficiency was calculated if the debtor or consumer obligor demands such an explanation or, in any event, 10 tribal business days before commencing an action for a deficiency.

(b) **Charges for responses.** Each debtor or consumer obligor is entitled without charge to one response to a request under this section during any six-month period in which the secured party did not send to the debtor or consumer obligor an explanation pursuant to subsection (b)(1). The secured party may require payment of a charge not exceeding \$25 for each additional response.

SECTION 15-9-617. RIGHTS OF TRANSFeree OF COLLATERAL.

(a) **Effects of disposition.** A secured party's disposition of collateral after default:

- (1) transfers to a transferee for value all of the debtor's rights in the collateral;
- (2) discharges the security interest under which the disposition is made; and
- (3) discharges any subordinate security interest or other subordinate lien other than liens created under acts or statutes providing for liens, if any, that are not to be discharged.

(b) **Rights of good-faith transferee.** A transferee that acts in good faith takes free of the rights and interests described in subsection (a), even if the secured party fails to comply with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act or the requirements of any judicial proceeding.

(c) **Rights of other transferee.** If a transferee does not take free of the rights and interests described in subsection (a), the transferee takes the collateral subject to:

- (1) the debtor's rights in the collateral;
- (2) the security interest under which the disposition is made; and

- (3) any other security interest or other lien.

SECTION 15-9-618. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CERTAIN SECONDARY OBLIGORS.

(a) **Rights and duties of secondary obligor.** A secondary obligor acquires the rights and becomes obligated to perform the duties of the secured party after the secondary obligor:

- (1) receives an assignment of a secured obligation from the secured party;
- (2) receives a transfer of collateral from the secured party and agrees to accept the rights and assume the duties of the secured party; or
- (3) is subrogated to the rights of a secured party with respect to collateral.

(b) **Effect of assignment, transfer, or subrogation.** An assignment, transfer, or subrogation described in subsection (a):

- (1) is not a disposition of collateral under Section 15-9-610; and
- (2) relieves the secured party of further duties under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-619. TRANSFER OF RECORD OR LEGAL TITLE.

(a) **“Transfer statement.”** In this section, “transfer statement” means a record authenticated by a secured party stating:

- (1) that the debtor has defaulted in connection with an obligation secured by specified collateral;

(2) that the secured party has exercised its post-default remedies with respect to the collateral;

(3) that, by reason of the exercise, a transferee has acquired the rights of the debtor in the collateral; and

(4) the name and mailing address of the secured party, debtor, and transferee.

(b) **Effect of transfer statement.** A transfer statement entitles the transferee to the transfer of record of all rights of the debtor in the collateral specified in the statement in any official filing, recording, registration, or certificate-of-title system covering the collateral. If a transfer statement is presented with the applicable fee and request form to the official or office responsible for maintaining the system, the official or office shall:

(1) accept the transfer statement;

(2) promptly amend its records to reflect the transfer; and

(3) if applicable, issue a new appropriate certificate of title in the name of the transferee.

(c) **Transfer not a disposition; no relief of secured party's duties.** A transfer of the record or legal title to collateral to a secured party under subsection (b) or otherwise is not of itself a disposition of collateral under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act and does not of itself relieve the secured party of its duties under this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.

SECTION 15-9-620. ACCEPTANCE OF COLLATERAL IN FULL OR PARTIAL

SATISFACTION OF OBLIGATION; NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL; EFFECT OF ACCEPTANCE; COMPULSORY DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL.

(a) Proposal to accept collateral in full or partial satisfaction of obligation.

Except as provided in subsection (e), a secured party may, after default, propose to retain the collateral in full satisfaction of the obligation it secures or, in a transaction other than a consumer transaction, in partial satisfaction of such obligation.

(b) Notification of proposal to accept collateral. The secured party shall send notice of such proposal to:

- (1) the debtor;
- (2) any person from whom the secured party has received, before the debtor consented to the acceptance, a signed notification of a claim of an interest in the collateral;
- (3) any person that, 14 calendar days before the debtor consented to the acceptance, held a security interest in or other lien on the collateral perfected by means of a financing statement or compliance with other law (Section 15-9-311(a)) that makes such interest reasonably discoverable; and
- (4) if the proposal is for partial satisfaction of the obligation, any secondary obligor.

(c) Conditions to acceptance. The proposal is not effective unless it is covered by subsection (a) and:

- (1) the debtor consents to the acceptance in a record signed after default;
- (2) no other person specified in subsection (b), and no other person holding an interest in the collateral subject to the secured party's interest, objects to the acceptance within

14 tribal business days after notification was sent;

(3) if the collateral is consumer goods, the collateral is not in the possession of the debtor when the debtor consents to the acceptance

(d) **Effect of acceptance.** A secured party's acceptance of collateral pursuant to this section

(1) discharges the obligation to the extent consented to by the debtor;

(2) transfers to the secured party all of the debtor's rights in the collateral;

(3) discharges the security interest that is the subject of the debtor's consent, and any security interest or other lien or interest that is subordinate thereto, even if the secured party accepting the collateral fails to comply with this article.

(e) **Mandatory disposition of consumer goods.** A secured party that has taken possession of collateral shall dispose of the collateral pursuant to Sections 15-9-610 through 15-9-616 if:

(1) 60 percent of the cash price has been paid in the case of a purchase-money security interest in consumer goods; or

(2) 60 percent of the principal amount of the obligation secured has been paid in the case of a non-purchase-money security interest in consumer goods.

Such disposition shall be made within 90 calendar days after taking possession, or within any longer period to which the debtor and all secondary obligors have agreed in an agreement to that effect entered into and signed after default.

SECTION 15-9-621. RESERVED.

SECTION 15-9-622. RESERVED.

SECTION 15-9-623. RIGHT TO REDEEM COLLATERAL.

(a) **Persons that may redeem.** A debtor, any secondary obligor, or any other secured party or lienholder may redeem collateral.

(b) **Requirements for redemption.** To redeem collateral, a person shall tender:

- (1) fulfillment of all obligations secured by the collateral; and
- (2) the reasonable expenses and attorney's fees described in Section 15-9-615(a)(1), dealing with application of proceeds of disposition.

(c) **When redemption may occur.** A redemption may occur at any time before a secured party:

- (1) has collected collateral under Section 15-9-607;
- (2) has disposed of collateral or entered into a contract for its disposition under Section 15-9-610; or
- (3) has accepted collateral in full or partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures under Section 15-9-620.

SECTION 15-9-624. WAIVER.

(a) **Waiver of disposition notification.** A debtor or secondary obligor may waive the right to notification of disposition of collateral under Section 15-9-611 only by an agreement to that effect entered into and signed after default.

(b) **Waiver of mandatory disposition.** A debtor may waive the right to require disposition of collateral under Section 15-9-620(e), which deals with mandatory disposition of consumer goods, only by an agreement to that effect entered into and signed after default.

(c) **Waiver of redemption right.** In a transaction other than a consumer transaction, a debtor or secondary obligor may waive the right to redeem collateral under Section 15-9-623 only by an agreement to that effect entered into and signed after default. In a consumer transaction, a debtor or secondary obligor may not waive such right.

SUBPART 2. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CROW/APSAALOOKE SECURED TRANSACTIONS ACT.

SECTION 15-9-625. REMEDIES FOR SECURED PARTY'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CROW/APSAALOOKE SECURED TRANSACTIONS ACT.

(a) **Judicial orders concerning noncompliance.** If it is established that a secured party is not proceeding in accordance with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act, a court may order or restrain collection, enforcement, or disposition of collateral on appropriate terms and conditions.

(b) **Damages for noncompliance.** Subject to subsections (c), (d), and (f), a person is liable for damages in the amount of any loss caused by a failure to comply with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. Loss caused by a failure to comply may include loss resulting from the debtor's inability to obtain, or increased costs of, alternative financing.

(c) **Persons entitled to recover damages; statutory damages where collateral is**

consumer goods. Except as otherwise provided in Section 15-9-628, which deals with the nonliability and limitations on liability of a secured party and the liability of a secondary obligor:

(1) a person that, at the time of the failure, was a debtor, was an obligor, or held a security interest in or other lien on the collateral may recover damages under subsection (b) for its loss; and

(2) if the collateral is consumer goods, a person that was a debtor or a secondary obligor at the time a secured party failed to comply with this part may recover for that failure in any event an amount not less than the credit service charge plus 10 percent of the principal amount of the obligation or the time-price differential plus 10 percent of the cash price.

(d) **Recovery when deficiency eliminated or reduced.** A debtor whose deficiency is eliminated under Section 15-9-626, which deals with actions in which a deficiency or surplus is in issue, may recover damages for the loss of any surplus.

(e) **Statutory damages: noncompliance with specified provisions.** In addition to any damages recoverable under subsection (b), the debtor, consumer obligor, or person named as a debtor in a filed record, as applicable, may recover \$500 in each case from a person that:

(1) fails to comply with the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with additional duties of a secured party having control of an investment account (Section 15-9-205(b));

(2) fails to comply with the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with duties of a secured party if an account debtor has been notified of assignment (Section 15-9-205(c);

(3) files a record that the person is not entitled to file under Section 15-9-

502(g);

(4) fails to file, cause to be filed or send a termination statement as required by Section 15-9-502(f);

(5) fails to comply with the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with explanations of calculations of surplus or deficiency (Section 15-9-616(a)), and whose failure is part of a pattern, or consistent with a practice, of noncompliance.

(f) Statutory damages: noncompliance with the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with a request for an accounting. A debtor or consumer obligor may recover damages under subsection (b) and, in addition, \$500 in each case from a person that, without reasonable cause, fails to comply with a request for an accounting (Section 15-9-207). A recipient of a request under Section 15-9-207 which never claimed an interest in the collateral or obligations that are the subject of a request under that section has a reasonable excuse for failure to comply with the request within the meaning of this subsection.

(g) Limitation of security interest: noncompliance with Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act. If a secured party fails to comply with a request regarding a list of collateral or a statement of account under Section 15-9-207, the secured party may claim a security interest only as shown in the list or statement included in the request as against a person that is reasonably misled by the failure.

SECTION 15-9-626. ACTION IN WHICH DEFICIENCY OR SURPLUS IS IN ISSUE.

(a) **Applicable rules if amount of deficiency or surplus in issue.** In an action arising from a transaction, other than a consumer transaction, in which the amount of a deficiency or surplus is in issue, the following rules apply:

(1) A secured party need not prove compliance with the provisions of this part relating to collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance unless the debtor or a secondary obligor places the secured party's compliance in issue.

(2) If the secured party's compliance is placed in issue, the secured party has the burden of establishing that the collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance was conducted in accordance with this part.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with nonliability and limitations on liability of a secured party or secondary obligor (Section 15-9-628), if a secured party fails to prove that the collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance was conducted in accordance with the provisions of this part relating to collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance, the liability of a debtor or a secondary obligor for a deficiency is subject to setoff for an amount as stated in the provision of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act dealing with damages for noncompliance (Section 15-9-625(b)), which may be measured by the amount recovered for conversion of collateral.

(4) For purposes of paragraph (3), the liability of the debtor or a secondary obligor is calculated on the presumption that the proceeds of disposition equal the sum of the secured obligation, expenses, and allowable attorney's fees, but the secured party may rebut the presumption.

(b) **Consumer transactions; no inference.** The limitation of the rules in subsection (a) to transactions other than consumer transactions is intended to leave to the court the determination of the proper rules in consumer transactions. The court may not infer from that limitation the nature of the proper rule in consumer transactions and may continue to apply established approaches.

**SECTION 15-9-627. DETERMINATION OF WHETHER CONDUCT WAS
COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE.**

(a) **Greater amount obtainable under other circumstances; no preclusion of commercial reasonableness.** The fact that a greater amount could have been obtained by a collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance at a different time or in a different method from that selected by the secured party is not of itself sufficient to preclude the secured party from establishing that the collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance was made in a commercially reasonable manner.

(b) **Dispositions that are commercially reasonable.** A disposition of collateral is made in a commercially reasonable manner if the disposition is made:

- (1) in the usual manner on any recognized market;
- (2) at the price current in any recognized market at the time of the disposition; or
- (3) otherwise in conformity with reasonable commercial practices among dealers in the type of property that was the subject of the disposition.

(c) **Approval by court or on behalf of creditors.** A collection, enforcement,

disposition, or acceptance is commercially reasonable if it has been approved:

- (1) in a judicial proceeding;
- (2) by a bona fide creditors' committee;
- (3) by a representative of creditors; or
- (4) by an assignee for the benefit of creditors.

Such approval need not be obtained, and lack of approval does not mean that the collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance is not commercially reasonable.

SECTION 15-9-628. NONLIABILITY AND LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF SECURED PARTY; LIABILITY OF SECONDARY OBLIGOR.

(a) **Limitation of liability of secured party for noncompliance with Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act.** Unless a secured party knows that a person is a debtor or obligor, knows the identity of the person, and knows how to communicate with the person:

(1) the secured party is not liable to the person, or to a secured party or lienholder that has filed a financing statement against the person, for failure to comply with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act; and

(2) the secured party's failure to comply with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act does not affect the liability of the person for a deficiency.

(b) **Limitation of liability based on status as secured party.** A secured party is not liable because of its status as secured party:

- (1) to a person that is a debtor or obligor, unless the secured party knows:

(A) that the person is a debtor or obligor;

(B) the identity of the person; and

(C) how to communicate with the person; or

(2) to a secured party or lienholder that has filed a financing statement against a person, unless the secured party knows:

(A) that the person is a debtor; and

(B) the identity of the person.

(c) Limitation of liability if reasonable belief that transaction not a consumer transaction or collateral is not consumer goods. A secured party is not liable to any person, and a person's liability for a deficiency is not affected, because of any act or omission arising out of the secured party's reasonable belief that a transaction is not a consumer transaction or that goods are not consumer goods, if the secured party's belief is based on its reasonable reliance on:

(1) a debtor's representation concerning the purpose for which collateral was to be used, acquired, or held; or

(2) an obligor's representation concerning the purpose for which a secured obligation was incurred.

(d) Limitation of liability for statutory damages. A secured party is not liable to any person under Section 15-9-625(c)(2), which deals with statutory damages where the collateral is consumer goods, for its failure to comply with Section 15-9-616, which deals with explanations of calculations of surplus or deficiency.

(e) Limitation of multiple liability for statutory damages. A secured party is not liable under Section 15-9-623(c)(2), which deals with statutory damages where the collateral is

consumer goods, more than once with respect to any one secured obligation.

SECTION 15-9-629. ATTORNEY'S FEES IN CONSUMER TRANSACTIONS. If the secured party's compliance with this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act is placed in issue in an action with respect to a consumer transaction, the following rules apply:

(1) If the secured party would have been entitled to attorney's fees as the prevailing party, a consumer debtor or consumer obligor prevailing on the issue is entitled to the costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees.

(2) In other cases, the court may award to a consumer debtor or consumer obligor prevailing on that issue the costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees.

(3) In determining the attorney's fees, the amount of the recovery on behalf of the prevailing consumer debtor or consumer obligor is not a controlling factor.

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 15-9-701. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act takes effect on June 1, 2006.

SECTION 15-9-702. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured

Transactions Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Crow/Apsaalooke Secured Transactions Act are severable.